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Architect's Petition Eyes Alternate UMCP Subdivision Plan

A Princeton architect has submitted a petition to the members of the Regional Planning Board of Princeton with a plea to consider rezoning the site in a manner that would emphasize individual properties, and avoid so-called "corporate superblocks." The architect, Ron Berlin, has acquired about 70 signatures, mainly from residents living in the hospital neighborhood. The petition urges the Planning Board to consider subdividing the property to "create new sections of town modeled directly on Princeton's historic pattern of ownership." According to the petition, the hospital's own proposition for the site, a 280-unit complex using existing buildings and converting the hospital's eight-story tower constitutes a "large property block under corporate ownership," with a "variety that is superficial." More philosophical than fact-oriented, the petition, in Mr. Berlin's words, calls for a "more traditional, safe" subdividing of the lot and contracting out to different developers, with an eye toward extending the neighborhoods east and west into the 11.76-acre hospital block, bound by Henry and Franklin avenues, Witherspoon Street and Harris Road.

"This issue is a very complicated one and it's a huge chunk of territory," Mr. Berlin said, also calling for the Planning Board to consider the Witherspoon campus and the Merwick Rehab Hospital & Nursing Care site on Bayard Lane simultaneously. Barry Rabner, president and CEO of Princeton HealthCare System, the parent entity of UMCP, said that PHCS will seek to sell the Merwick property regardless of whether or not the hospital is successful in moving.

"I think it's a mistake that they're not being considered at the same time," Mr. Berlin said. "It has to do with the notion of providing affordable housing, especially for older people." The Merwick facility, he added, was the place where an assisted living facility "should" be located because of its close proximity to downtown Princeton.

And while Mr. Berlin said he has his own "strong" feelings about how the hospital and Merwick sites should be planned, he said he "deliberately avoided those issues" in drafting the petition (see Mailbox, page 16), and the issue of whether any of the existing buildings

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THE MASTER ROUND: National Chess Master Glenn Bady making the rounds of 20 chess boards set up for him to play 20 matches simultaneously during Saturday's Chess Day at the Princeton Public Library. Thanks to the weather, the event also provided the first opportunity for the library to take advantage of the new plaza.

Bunn Drive Housing Set for Review

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A proposal to build the "Four Seasons," an age-restricted housing community on Bunn Drive, is slated to begin the planning process this evening.

First heard as a concept hearing by the Regional Planning Board of Princeton in April 2004, the formal application was submitted to the Planning Board by developer K. Hovnanian last October. It outlined a development for residents aged 62 and over with 140 units in five garden-apartment-style buildings, each three stories high. Tonight the application will undergo review by the Site Plan Review Advisory Board, and if it is approved, will go to the Planning Board for final review at an undetermined date.

The development faces some environmental obstacles: the landscape features rocky soil and shallow bedrock that may have to be blasted if underground garages are to be included. A similar blasting method was required to work through the bedrock beneath the nearby Campbell Woods development.

Additionally, any onsite blasting would have to be overseen to ensure that the Transco pipeline is not disturbed. The 85-foot-wide corridor that surrounds the pipeline runs directly through the proposed 20.9-acre site. Members of Princeton Township's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) addressed their concerns Monday when the application appeared for review. The Bunn Drive area, while not a designated historic region, is a candidate for such classification. Nearby Mt. Lucas Road, however, is a historic road.

While Commissioner Robert von Zumbusch doubted that the area would ever reach historic status, he was encouraged that the application passed through the municipal channels for review. Acknowledging that while "there are a lot of things wrong" with the Four Seasons plan, he said there was little the HPC could recommend aside from placing a barrier along Mt. Lucas Road to preserve that road's rural character.

"There are a lot of reasons why this project shouldn't be built, but it's pretty difficult to say that there are historic reasons," he said.

However, HPC officer Christine Lewandoski observed that because the proposed buildings are to be between 45 and 47 feet in height, there would not be much room for screening.

The downward-sloping nature of the housing proposal's site, Mr. von Zumbusch said, will lessen the need for a barrier. At the initial April 2004 concept hearing, about 40 residents attended to voice opposition to the project. However, the increase in senior housing in Princeton Township has long been

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Princeton Library Director Burger Discusses Her ALA Presidency

Just one week after becoming president-elect of the American Library Association (ALA), Leslie Burger spoke on her new position to members of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"I have been preparing for this position my entire life," said Ms. Burger at the Chamber's monthly membership meeting on Thursday, July 7.

President-elect since July 1, Ms. Burger will shadow the current ALA president over the next year, learning the ins and outs of what it means to lead the oldest and largest library organization in the United States. Established in 1876, the ALA provides leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship.

On her recent election, Ms. Burger told Princeton residents to not be alarmed if they see a CNN truck parked outside the library: "We will be, for a brief time, the center of the library world."

The director of the Princeton Public

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17 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 17 births to area residents during the two-week period ending July 11.

Sons were born to Emma and Kevin Smith, Lawrenceville, June 28; Kathy and Stefanos Damianakis, Princeton, June 28; Maria and David Jackson, Princeton, June 29; Anna and Justin Wraight, Princeton, June 30; Karina Xavier and Miguel Carvalho, Princeton, June 30; Mardi and Mica Lee, Lawrenceville, July 6; Michelle and Philip Burgess, Princeton, July 7; Patricia and James Buchholz, Lawrenceville, July 7; Jennifer and Steven LaBarbera, Lawrenceville, July 8; and Yi Seon Huh and Yong-Jin Kang, Princeton, July 10.

Daughters were born to Julie Halvorsen and Chris Johnson, Princeton, June 27; Tamika Balley, Princeton, June 28; Reyna Herrarte, Princeton, July 5; Hong Yu and Qin Hong, West Windsor, July 7; Maria Lidia Garcia, Princeton, July 9; Claudia Guzman and Oscar Santiago, Princeton, July 9; and Irene Koukhta and Nikolai Didenko, Princeton, July 11.

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We're Number...15! **Princeton** was ranked in this week's Money Magazine as the 15th best place to live in the U.S. The list of 100 towns sought growing, reasonably affluent communities with populations of more than 14,000. The survey also took into account educational quality, weather, and access to nightlife, restaurants, and entertainment. New Jersey towns ahead of Princeton were No. 1 Moorestown Township in Burlington County, and No. 9 Chatham Township in Morris County.

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More than 100 residents have signed a plea petitioning the **Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment** to reject a proposal to build a 10,750 square-foot jazz bar and restaurant at the site formally home to Mike's Tavern at the corner of Bayard Lane and Leigh Avenue. Most of the signatories were from the neighboring streets and expressed concern about the noise and traffic that could result if the restaurant were approved. According to Zoning Board officials, the board will recess for the summer and the jazz club application will not appear on the agenda until the fall at the earliest.

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In the on-going case over who should control the $620 million Robertson Foundation endowment for **Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School**, a Superior Court judge dismissed a counter-claim against Princeton University. The counter-claim alleged that the University's initial claim seeking reimbursement of attorneys' fees was "nothing more than an attempt to intimidate" the Robertson family, the donor alleging that the University has mismanaged the initial donation made in the early 1960s. However, according to a University spokesperson, such requests for reimbursements are merely "pro forma" and often sought by attorneys.

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Bowhe & Peare, the special gifts and accessories shop on Hulfish Street in Palmer Square, has filed for bankruptcy, according to a federal notice posted on the shop's storefront. The store was closed by the U.S. Department of Justice two weeks ago, with the store and all items within it "subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Federal Bankruptcy Court." The company has stores in Bethesda, Md. and Arlington, Va., both of which remain open. Store representatives were unavailable for immediate comment. A Palmer Square spokesperson said that Bowhe & Peare will "be missed."

Road Paving Update: The Great Road will continue to be closed between Mountain Avenue and Stuart Road until further notice from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drivers are asked to detour using Stuart Road to Cherry Hill Road to Route 206 to Mountain Avenue and back to the Great Road; in addition, the northern section of **the Great Road** will be closed 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, starting next Tuesday, July 19, between Great Road West and Drake's Corner Road. The detour for that closure is the Great Road to Ridgeview Road, to Cherry Hill Road to Stuart Road and back to the Great Road. **Snowden Lane** will remain closed between Overbrook Drive and Franklin Avenue between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Roadwork along **Woods Way**, **Beech Hill Circle**, and **Crooked Tree Lane** will continue into the next week; **Littlebrook Road** near Tyson Lane will be subject to alternating traffic, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. until further notice.

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TWO SISTERS, NEARLY A CENTURY OF EXPERIENCE: Hettie Dean, left, is celebrating 51 years of service at the University Medical Center at Princeton this month, a feat rivaled only by that of her little sister, Daisy Hubbard, right, who has been working at the hospital for 46 years. Both credit patience, respect, and humility for their longevity. (Photos by F.J. Greenblatt)

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A Hospital Employee for Half a Century, Hettie Dean Keeps Job Fresh Every Day

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Imagine the perfect job. Okay, now imagine being there for 51 years. Still sound perfect?

Few commitments last as long as the one Hettie Dean keeps with her job at the University Medical Center at Princeton, and there's a reason for that: few people have the dedication to their jobs that she does, nor can most sum it up:

"I like people and I like working here and I'm a person that most people can get along with." A certified nursing assistant at UMCP's Post Anesthesia Care Unit, Ms. Dean, 69, said that it is no secret how she has achieved her tenure at the hospital: her love for people and particularly helping people has paved the path of her career since July 1954. "It's not just about the money, because if it were, I wouldn't have been here that long," she said. "I've seen a lot of changes in the hospital." Of course Ms Dean has not held the same post throughout her 51-year career. After working in Center Supply for 10 years, she moved to the recovery room where her work with patients so impressed her supervisors that they decided that that was where she belonged. As a young woman far from her native North Carolina, Ms. Dean's wish to help people had more to do with necessity than personal desire. Human contact was just what the John-Witherspoon Neighborhnod resident needed.

"It was my first time away from home and it was hard to get used to," she said, adding that she had actually first applied to then-Bell Telephone on Nassau Street. Fortunately for the hospital, Bell never hired her, but the Princeton Medical Center did.

"Maybe [Bell] was never meant for me," she said, smiling. At Bell, Ms. Dean would have been dealing with people verbally rather than with the hands-on method that defines her role at the hospital.

"Hettie is just that huge link in our department — she could be the manager," said Eileen Devlin, a registered nurse in Ms. Dean's unit. "She could be a nurse without formal training — I've called on her to be with a patient when I need to be with another patient, and I just know she's there and knows what to do." Nurse Devlin, however, said Ms. Dean's special talent lies in dealing with children. "She's got that soothing voice, and the children just get quiet."

Ms. Dean's penchant for helping people also describes her role at the First Baptist Church at Paul Robeson Place and John Street: "If I'm not here, I'm working at church. That's what keeps me going. "People ask me 'How are you always so happy?' and I can just thank God that if I help anybody, it makes me feel good." Regardless of her love for her work, the UMCP veteran has also seen enough change at the hospital to keep her job fresh. "It's much different now than when I first started — you used to have to do everything yourself," she said, adding that things like needles and gloves had to be sterilized and then re-used whereas everything is disposable in today's modern medical environment. But she and her colleagues at the time "didn't have a lot of infections or anything, so I guess we did a good job.

"I tell people now 'don't complain,' because when I started, there were so many things to do." Ms. Dean said that even though the hospital has grown, the intimacy has not been lost. In fact, she said, the improvement of the facility and overall medical advances has led to a climate where her output is actually more rewarding. She recalled a surgeon who "did everything, from the ear to the toe." But that, too, has changed.

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types of surgery and doing more of it; today you have a doctor for everything, and this is a teaching hospital, which is good."

She acknowledged that this growth has led to the UMCP's decision to move — a prospect she views as something of a positive chapter in the hospital's history. "A lot of patients worry 'Why are you moving? I love this hospital,' but I think the intimacy can be maintained — you have to think of the patients who you're trying to make happy."

While she has no immediate plans to retire, Ms. Dean conceded that she "probably" will not be there to see the hospital's move.

Daisy Hubbard

Ms. Dean's little sister, on the other hand, might be there. Five years her sister's junior, Daisy Hubbard is celebrating her 46th year working at UMCP. While Ms. Dean is the longest tenured employee in UMCP history, Ms. Hubbard is next in line. Both sisters are humble beyond words, and the younger Ms. Hubbard was determined to make sure her sister stayed in the spotlight.

A senior unit secretary in the hospital, she said that working in the same building as her sister was just a matter of fate.

Ms. Hubbard came to Princeton from North Carolina when she was 17 to baby-sit for her aunt for the summer.

"I stayed here and went to Rider," she said, adding that she had always intended to go back home during those first few years in the northeast, "but the money ran out." Ms. Hubbard said she was "amazed" that she and her sister had ostensibly grown up and spent their adult lives at the hospital. Although she lives in Hopewell with her husband, she and her sister make a point to spend time together at least a few times a week and spend "at least 15 to 20 minutes" talking every morning. "She's like a mother to me, you couldn't find a nicer person."

Despite the accolades she's received for her accomplishments, Ms. Dean said to perform well at her job, the last person she needs to think of is herself.

"It's not all about you, it's about what you're doing and trying to help someone, and you're going to see all different types of people, and you just have to learn to work with all of them." For Ms. Dean, that outlook has been 51 years in the making.

—Matthew Hersh

Watershed Association Plans Events Through July

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, located on Titus Mill Road in Pennington, is offering a variety of outdoor summer events in the upcoming month.

The "Family Wildflower Walk" on Saturday, July 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. After the hike, everyone is invited to make a colorful wildflower craft to take home.

On Thursday, July 14 the association is holding a program geared to entice all budding entomologists. In the program, "Butterflies and Moths," children, ages 6 to 9, can learn about these fascinating creatures through games, crafts, and a tour of a butterfly house. There will also be a program for preschool-aged children who wish to study the ways of the butterfly on Tuesday, July 12 and Wednesday, July 13 from 10 to 11:30 p.m.

And for those children that just want to move there feet will be a "Tiny Tot Walk" for children aged 18 to 36 months on Wednesday, July 13 from 10 to 11 a.m. All the children must be accompanied by an adult. During the program Pam Newitt, mother and naturalist, will be leading toddlers on an exploration of the natural world.

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Martial Arts Program Inspires Children to Improve Life Skills

An educational program incorporating martial arts and group counseling for special needs children will be starting up in Princeton this fall.

InSPIRE, which stands for Integrating Self-control, Perseverance, Integrity, Responsibility, and Excellence, was recently initiated at the Princeton Center For Yoga and Health by Christine Abrahams, a corporate and public school educator for more than 20 years.

The program was piloted a few years ago at a small alternative school for emotionally-disturbed children in Bucks County, Pa. Ms. Abrahams, a Skillman resident, got the idea while working toward a masters degree in counseling at The College of New Jersey. In her free time she was taking martial arts lessons and had observed how it helped control children with behavioral problems: "I just saw what an effect it had on kids walking in there who really seemed to have no sense of self control."

As Ms. Abrahams began to research the idea of incorporating martial arts into a program for emotionally disturbed children, she discovered that the activity had been found to produce positive results.

Through her research she found that the most important aspect of teaching martial arts to special needs children is to find a bridge between the actual activity and the application of it to everyday life, which could be done through counseling and group discussions.

Wanting to bring her ideas to fruition, Ms. Abrahams discussed them with one of her professors at TCNJ who was a counselor at an alternative school in Pennsylvania. Volunteering herself to serve as the supervisor for the program, Ms. Abrahams was able to establish a state-funded program that incorporated martial arts with group, individual, and family counseling.

Children involved in the program were in fourth through tenth grades, and had emotional problems such as anxiety, depression, attention deficit disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, eating disorders, and bi-polar disorder.

"The kids improved across the board," said Ms. Abrahams, adding that she had positive results after performing depression and self-esteem tests on the children before and after they entered the program.

Children who participated in all aspects of the program improved the most, and two even went on to receive mainstream schooling again, she said: "The program really worked because it gave them a lot of discipline, self-confidence, and self-esteem. It really made them feel special, and all the support they got made them feel great."

'Inspiring' A Program

Currently working as a counselor at Hunterdon Central Regional High School, Ms. Abrahams has decided to establish a similar program at the Princeton Center for Yoga and Health for emotionally disturbed children.

"I really felt that kids needed this so I changed the program to include martial arts and group counseling for sixth through ninth graders," said Ms. Abrahams, adding that middle school is the toughest age for many children because of the transition from elementary school, and then from middle school to high school.

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LEARNING TO INSPIRE: Educator and school counselor Christine Abrahams recently established a martial arts program at the Princeton Center for Yoga and Health to help emotionally disturbed children. The program, InSPfRE, is scheduled to start this fall, and will include 40 minutes of martial arts and 40 minutes of group counseling to help apply the martial arts techniques to every day life. Shown here are some students in Ms. Abrahams's pilot program at an alternative school in Bucks County, Pa.

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After discovering that most families with emotionally disturbed children already have outside counseling, Ms. Abrahams decided not to include individual or family counseling in this program.

InSPIRE, which already has six children enrolled, will have a maximum of 12 students per class. The program will be held on Wednesdays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., with 40 minutes of martial arts, and 40 minutes of group counseling. Children will discuss common problems such as "hot buttons" that make them angry, and they will work on how to resolve these issues through meditation, group exercises, and discussions.

"My goal is to try to take what they learn in the martial arts and teach them how to apply it to every day life," said Ms. Abrahams, adding that InSPIRE is also a legitimate martial arts program where students can move from white to black belt.

However, she noted, the program will not include sparring or physical fighting: "They get so much more from learning the choreographed movements; there's no need to become aggressive."

While children will have the opportunity to learn self-defense and how to exit a situation to go find help, they will not be taught how to fight back, she said.

"I think the program offers good support," said Ms. Abrahams, adding that if the program is successful, she intends to expand it to include the elementary school level.

InSPIRE will be held in the Montgomery Professional Center, and will be led by Susan Martinez, a yoga master with a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. The cost is $50 to register, and an additional $785 for the 13-week session, which begins on September 21.

For more information, contact Ms. Abrahams at (908) 391-0073, email inspire@patmedia.net, or visit www.inspireinstitute.com.

—Candace Braun

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Mercer Housing Crisis Calls for Action Now

The Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness is seeking help forming Municipal Action Committees (MAC) in response to a housing crisis in Mercer County affecting low income, moderate income, and even middle income persons who cannot find, rent, buy, or afford housing.

The Mercer Alliance suggests that residents join a MAC in their Mercer County community. All municipalities have Mount Laurel-Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) obligations to create opportunities for low- and moderate-income housing. Mercer County municipalities are now preparing plans for the next ten years to address their housing obligations. These plans are due December 20. The Alliance will help residents form a committee, and tell them the questions to ask of town officials and planners.

To sign up for a committee, contact Tarry Trultt at ttrultt@meceralliance.org or fax to (609) 895-1245. Please send name address, phone, fax, and e-mail, and state days, times, and dates of availability. Meetings will be scheduled accordingly.

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Question of the Week:

"What are your views on reporters going to jail for withholding their sources?"

"I think that it is terrible for freedom of speech that people won't want to express their opinions if confidentiality is not protected. On the other hand, some people will be able to use this. You have to draw the line where what you are reporting serves a purpose. In this instance, they used the information to smear someone to get back at them. In principle I agree that confidential sources should be held confidential as long as this is not abused by reporters." *— Denes Patt, Lovers Lane*

"I am against the jailing. I think that we need to protect reporters' confidential sources so we can have a free press and get criticism of government."
— Arlene Weiner, Mt. Lucas Raad

"I think that it represents their right to keep their sources confidential so that they can maintain reputable sources of information. Otherwise they won't be able to report what they need to report."
— Tany Hawes and Hailey, Evergreen Circle

"I think that it's a matter of conscience that should be honored. The Court said one thing and the reporter has to weigh that with what he feels is right. He has to decide whether he has to suffer the consequences for his own conscience." *— Denise Floyd, Birch Avenue*

"I think that it is horrible that they would go to jail for not having given up the names. They are under no obligation to give them up. Even if it is against the law to withhold names, I don't know how anything will change if we don't have people tell reporters things in confidence."
— Joanne Farrugia, Owner, Jazams

From Harness Shop to Leather Vendor: Luttmann's Luggage Packs Bags for Good

In Princeton's ever-evolving streetscape, there are some landmarks that remind long-time residents that while the town is changing, some things stay the same.

Two weeks ago, Princeton lost one of those landmarks.

Luttmann's Luggage, the leather goods mainstay at 20 Witherspoon Street, closed its doors for good after 101 years that saw changing business climates and several owners.

"The store has made it through a lot of difficult times; it's just the circumstances were such that we couldn't run it anymore," according to 11-year owner Frank Ricatto, who said his business had been in overall decline since 9/11, when the travel industry initially faltered and the blow absorbed by Luttmann's was too great to bear.

The decision to close the store, which was opened by William Luttmann as a harness shop in the pre-automobile era, came in June, after the owner had tried for months to sell the store that Mr. Ricatto calls an "institution."

When those efforts ultimately fell through, the store, which has benefited over the years from the presence of Mr. Ricatto's daughter, Tiffany, and employees Jennifer Shade and Karen Rosenbaum, was forced to close.

"In recent years, the whole concept of travel didn't have the excitement, vigor, or the joy that travel used to have attached to it when you would feel really good about the experience," he said.

And though the travel industry has rebounded, Mr. Ricatto said that the security now employed at airports has deterred people from buying upscale luggage, and encouraged travelers to purchase products suited more for basic utility.

"The price points dropped in regard to customers buying higher quality luggage — it wasn't the item of interest anymore."

He also cited last year's temporary reduction in parking on the Tulane Street surface parking lot as a factor the kept the store from fully rebounding.

Overall, he said, it was simply difficult to "maintain the numbers."

But he and his staff certainly tried.

"My daughter and I started together: you tend to be passionate about something, drive forward as aggressively as you can, you're dedicated to it, you believe in it, and you know you have a group of employees who can be trusted to accomplish what we set out to do.

"We really did expect this thing to succeed."

It was his emotional connection to the store, Mr. Ricatto said, that blinded him to the fact that the numbers were coming up short every month, leading to a 50 percent decline in business. "That's how we got caught by surprise when we realized that it was not going to be able to run on its own anymore."

Luttmann's closing is clearly a disappointment to the Ricattos and to the store's customer base, but Mr. Ricatto said he is trying to take the entire situation in stride.

"One thing that's constant in all of business is change — everyone says that," he said, adding that there are always competitors and industry trends that factor into any business.

Downtown Princeton has been witness to these trends for years. Second only to Kopp's Cycles as the oldest business in town, Luttmann's has yielded to the oldest rule in business: change.

Luttmann's customers expecting service returns are asked to e-mail: fricatto1207@verizon.net.

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MILO'S LEAP: Shannon Hokanson is helping her dog Milo maneuver the agility obstacles at last year's agility event at Rocky Top Dog Park. At this years canine agility demonstration, Sunday, July 17, agility dogs will leap over jumps, dash through tunnels, and tiptoe over dog walks at 10 a.m. and again at noon. Benches will be available, but the public is invited to bring lawn chairs. Refreshments will be served in the gazebo. Rain date is July 24. The park is located near Promenade Blvd. at 4106 Highway 27. For further information, visit www.rockytopdogpark.com. *(Photo by park member Carole Glantzow Zboray)*

Thomas Sweet Entices Donors For Sweet Program

Tom Grim and Tom Block, owners of Thomas Sweet Ice Cream, and Ellen Abernathy, broker and salesperson for the Weidel Realtors West Windsor office, have announced a "sweet" new program in support of the University Medical Center at Princeton's blood donor program.

Thomas Sweet is has pledged to donate a pint of ice cream to each person who makes a blood donation for the rest of the year.

Ms. Abernathy brought the program to Mr. Grim's and Mr. Block's attention after reading about the Mercer County Association of Realtor's Blood Drive. "I thought there was a possibility to get a larger turnout if there was a great reward at the end," said Ms. Abernathy.

"We are pleased to lend support to such a worthy program and hope an ice cream treat may be an incentive for those who have thought of giving blood before, but have never donated," said Mr. Grim. Right now, around 1,200 pints of blood are donated per year, however, the Medical Center needs about 3,500 units of blood per year.

"We are celebrating our 25th year of business in Princeton, and we always look for ways to give back to the community," Mr. Block said.

Approximately 15 pints of blood are used each day at UMCP, and one out of 10 patients typically needs blood. One donated pint of blood can save up to three lives, according to Ms. Abernathy. The actual donation time takes less than 10 minutes, and the entire process, including sign-in, takes only about 45 minutes.

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NEW CHAPTER FOR HINKSON'S: Hinkson's moved to a 1,100-square-foot commercial space at the Spring Street Municipal Garage last Tuesday. Owners are hopeful the move will allow for additional pedestrian clientele while the business continues to focus on its Web site and catalog sales. *(photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

Hinkson's Looks to New Location As a Means of Retooling Business

What best addresses a business owner's concern about lack of parking? Why, moving the business directly next to a parking garage, of course.

For Hinkson's, the long-time stationery mainstay on Nassau Street, that's exactly what the owners did.

After more than 40 years at 42 Nassau Street, Hinkson's has moved around the corner to a 1,100-square-foot commercial space in the Spring Street garage: a move that, owners say, will prove to be the best for business.

And with the move came a change in name: "Hinkson's, the Office Store," which aims to clarify the focus of the business. With about 70 percent of the store's clientele shopping on its Web site, through its catalog, or through larger business accounts, owners realized that it needed about 70 percent less retail walk-in space.

"Our store is pretty accessible and I think people are going to like it," said Andrew Mangone, who, along with John Roberto, owns Hinkson's.

"We brought in some new products and other than the furniture, lost little of what we had," Mr. Mangone said, referring to the showroom's lack of office furniture display, which, while still sold by the business, is not included in the layout of the new store.

The change is significant, however. Hinkson's former location was a corridor of sorts in an antiquated space that led to the rear area that once housed office furniture. As Hinkson's began to rely more heavily on its catalog and Web site, the old space clearly appeared too large for what was needed.

Condensed to a third of its original size, the new store has a modernized look that is more in tune with the aims of the business, Mr. Mangone said.

"Business is going to be good, I just think there is going to be a period of time when people are going to get used to what we do," he added.

But owners are encouraged that the new space, with the foot traffic from the garage, the library, and surrounding businesses, compounded with the planned five-story building slated for construction on the adjacent Spring Street surface parking lot, will better suit them than their old store had.

"It's more customer friendly," Mr. Roberto said. "Everything's brand new and traffic-wise, I hope we're going to do a lot better."

Hinkson's first eyed the Princeton Shopping Center as a possible relocation site, but that effort was nixed when some businesses there objected to the stationery store's presence.

Regardless of where they moved, however, it had long been recognized by owners that a change was needed. Mr. Roberto, whose family — through Town Management, Inc. — owns 40-44 Nassau Street, said they were paying rents too high to maintain a space that no longer received the foot traffic it once had.

"We do a really strong commercial business and I think there is more of an upside here," Mr. Roberto said. "We're not a restaurant, we're not a big chain store, and hopefully people will want to come in and buy what they need to buy."

The store's soft opening occurred July 5, but Mr. Mangone, Mr. Roberto, and long-time assistant store manager Lou Peredes, plan a grand opening for sometime closer to the "back-to-school" season.

In the meantime, Qdoba Grill, a Tex-Mex restaurant, began paying rent for Hinkson's former Nassau Street space on July 1. The restaurant is expected to open within six to eight months, Mr. Roberto said.

— Matthew Hersh

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Library Director

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Library for the past five years, Ms. Burger was elected the new ALA president for the 2006-2007 term just one year after the opening of the library's new 58,000 square foot facility on Witherspoon Street, which now boasts 2,500 visitors daily. Ms. Burger helped build partnerships with community leaders to raise more than $21 million toward the campaign to build the $18 million facility, which has been dubbed "the community's living room."

The new ALA president told her audience that there are 16,500 libraries in the country: "That's more than the number of McDonald's in the U.S."

She said that one of her main goals as ALA president will be to work to keep libraries open that are currently in danger of closing: "It's very important to make sure everyone has the same access to a library that we have."

She recalled recently sitting in the library's new plaza on a Friday night at 9 p.m. and watching as many as 10 people attempt to enter the facility after closing time.

"If we were open 24 hours a day, we'd have people there 24 hours a day," she said.

While the need for libraries is great, they are often in competition with bookstores such as Borders and Barnes & Noble that have "blurred the lines between retail and libraries," said Ms. Burger.

Princeton's library has a budget that has doubled in the last six years and a facility twice as large as the original, but there are many libraries out there that don't receive that kind of support from their communities. She said that one of the jobs of the ALA is to help these libraries stay afloat, and help convince community officials to support them in any way they can.

Leslie Burger

"I think libraries are probably the most exciting places to work," said Ms. Burger, who was the director of planning and research at the Connecticut State Library and special assistant to the state librarian at the New Jersey State Library before coming to Princeton. Ms. Burger said that libraries serve as an information resource to the community, a place to meet, share together, attend programs, and to learn up-to-the-minute information on events around the country, such as the recent bombings in London.

Last Thursday, the library broadcast the news on every screen to keep the public informed on events in England, she said: "We are here to stay on top of information that goes on every minute of the day."

One of the issues that the Princeton Public Library, as well as libraries around the nation, are facing right now is trying to battle the Patriot Act, a bill that was passed post-9/11 to increase safety, but has often been criticized as infringing on citizens' rights. The act requires libraries to hand over private information on library patrons when it is requested through a subpoena, and requires the staff to stay closed-mouth about the investigation.

"Luckily we haven't been visited [by the FBI]," said Ms. Burger, adding that the library has taken its own precautions to ensure the privacy of its patrons, which include having a computer system that wipes clean each patron's record of borrowing a book as soon as the book is back in the library's possession.

"We're doing everything we can to make sure your privacy is protected," she said.

Looking to the year ahead, Ms. Burger said she has the Princeton community to thank in part for being named the new ALA president: "One of the reasons ... is because I work in the best library and the best community.... I love my new job and I'm very excited about it."

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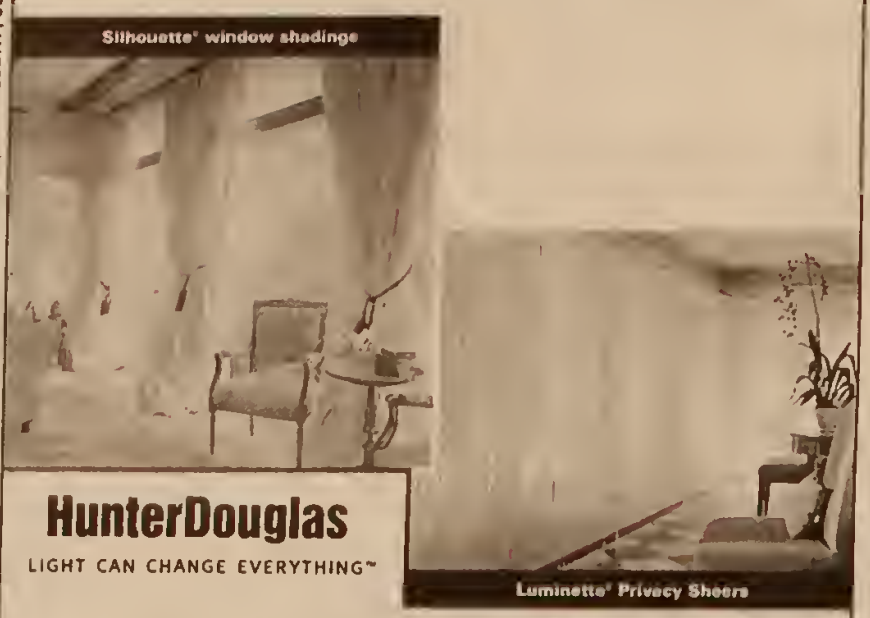

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identified by Mayor Phyllis Marchand as a goal of Township Committee.

The estimated value of a typical two-bedroom unit would fall in the mid- to upper-$300,000 range, according to Hovnanian officials.

—Matthew Hersh

Police Blotter

Police are investigating a series of four residential burglaries reported to have taken place between June 30 and July 4 in Princeton Township. In each case the burglar(s) appear to have used a prying tool to smash or pry open locked doors or windows to gain entrance. None of the homeowners were present at the time of the burglaries.

The first burglary, on June 30, took place on Constitution Drive and was reported by the homeowner's alarm company at 9:29 p.m. A large glass window was shattered to provide entrance to the residence. On July 2, a similar modus operandi was used to forcefully enter a Wendover Drive home, sometime between 5:50 and 11:15 p.m. It is not yet known what, if anything, was stolen from either residence.

Residents at another Wendover Drive residence discovered that their second story French door window had been shattered with a rock, and the home entered, sometime between the afternoon of July 3 and the afternoon of July 4. Evidence of pry marks was again found inside the home. A similar burglary, on Brookstone Drive, was reported to have taken place between 8 p.m. on July 2 and 5:30 p.m. on July 4. The resident reported the theft of $700 in cash.

The burglar(s) in all four cases reportedly focused their efforts on the homes' master bedrooms.

Police have no suspects at this time. The investigation is being handled by Township Det. Annette Henderson.

On July 3, an elderly Jefferson Road resident awoke to find an unknown intruder asleep on her couch. The intruder, later identified as Homberto Mauricio Santos, 21, a homeless man, had apparently entered the home through a closed but unlocked window between midnight and 8 a.m. The homeowner had no interaction with the man, who was arrested and charged with criminal trespass by Township Patrolwoman Kim Hodges at 8:12 a.m. The accused man was then committed to the Mercer County Detention Center in lieu of $1,500 cash bail.

Returning home from a two week vacation on July 10, a Gulick Road resident discovered the theft of his 1996 Ford Windstar van from his driveway. The victim reported that the vehicle, valued at $5,000, had been locked when he left town on June 28.

Aaron Kaye, 25, of Hamilton was arrested on July 6 on charges of driving with a suspended license following a motor vehicle stop on Nassau Street. He was released after posting bail on active warrants from Lawrence Township. A similar motor vehicle stop on University Place the following day led to the arrest of Craig R. Graves, 39, of Trenton, who was found to be wanted on warrants from multiple municipal courts. He, too, was charged with driving with a suspended license and released after posting bail on the warrants.

On July 1 at approximately 9:21 p.m., an unidentified 27-year-old man was robbed at knife point by two individuals as he walked to his van on Nassau Street after visiting an ATM machine. The victim was confronted by the two males who pushed him up against his car, threatened him, and held a large knife to his side. The robbers then crossed Nassau Street and left in an unknown direction, with cash inside a folio pad stolen from the victim. The victim's pad was found later on Nassau Street and turned over to Princeton Township Police, who contacted the victim.

The suspects were described as two black males, one approximately 5'10, the other shorter. The ongoing investigation is being handled by Det. Kenneth Riley, who can be reached at (609) 921-8108.

A Lawrenceville woman was arrested outside the Princeton University Store on July 8 after a store employee reported that she had taken two books out of the store without paying for them. Karen L. Rosenbaum, 49, was released on her own recognizance with a summons to appear in Borough Municipal Court on July 18.

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Thanet Road Office Project Approved Amid Negotiations and Concerns

A plan to transform a two-story, 47,000-square-foot office building on Thanet Circle was okayed by the Regional Planning Board of Princeton Thursday, after concerns about parking and light and sound buffers were heard.

On behalf of the developer, GHP Thanet, Hillier Architecture is proposing to transform the current structure, once the home for the Institute for Defense Analysis, to a modernized office building.

However the plan to reconstruct, restripe, and expand the current 104-space parking lot by adding 111 parking spaces did not sit well with residents when the application was first heard at a June 16 hearing. Most complaints came from residents of nearby Governors Lane and Terhune Road, who worried that the increased activity in the area would offset property values of adjacent homes.

Residents also worried about noise from the rooftop air conditioning unit on the proposed building, as well as parking lot lighting at night.

A negotiation between the residents and the developer resulted in the placing of a five-foot arborvitae hedge atop the site's buffered area that lies around the parking area. As the parking lot slopes down and the retaining wall diminishes, the hedge will continue, increasing to a 12-foot height.

The hedge would screen the view of the parking lot and grow about a foot a year. A six-foot high deer fence will be placed on each side of the arborvitae hedge, resulting in a "packaged hedge," according to the plan's architect, J. Robert Hillier.

Terhune Road resident Louise Witonsky, however, was "very unhappy" with the new landscape plan. "You're planting the hedge will not be effective," she said, adding that attracting deer to the area will compromise safety. Deer are attracted to arborvitae, according to Mr. Hillier.

Ms. Witonsky added that the increased blacktop in the area for parking will exacerbate flooding in the area. Harry's Brook's north tributary runs near the site.

Abram Gabriel, also of Terhune Road, worried about potential noise generated from the building's air conditioning. He also expressed concern about noise stemming from landscape maintenance.

— Matthew Hersh

West Windsor Farmers' Market Hosts Events

Nutritionist Cathy Piuggi will be at the West Windsor Community Farmers' Market this Saturday, July 16, providing information and management tips on diabetes. Using the American Diabetes Association Risk Assessment, visitors can find out if they are at risk for developing diabetes, which effects over 16 million people in the United States.

New to the market will be the Bent Spoon Ice Cream Shop from Princeton, offering handmade ice cream, gelatos, cookies, and treats. Also new will be Ryland Inn's fresh baked goods, bread, and coffee. Children will be entertained at the market at 10:30 a.m. with face painting and a clown making balloons.

The market is open every Saturday, from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. It is located on Vaughn Drive which is off Alexander Road, in close proximity to the Princeton Junction train station. For additional information, visit www.westwindsorfarmersmarket.org.

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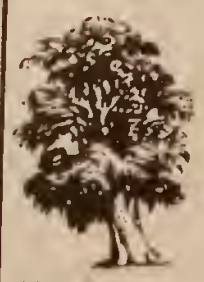

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Newgrange is headed by Gordon Sherman, Ph.D., past president of the IDA and former Harvard researcher. Both Dr. Sherman and Dee Rosenberg, M.S., lecture internationally about "cerebrodiversity" and the enlightened classroom. Newgrange also trains local teachers to use the latest research-based reading techniques. Last year teachers in over 20 districts were trained, including elementary teachers in four Trenton schools. Training includes Wilson Language, Developing Metacognitive Skills, and workshops on phonics, reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, and written expression.

Newgrange's work will be recognized by the New Jersey branch of the IDA at the Eileen Grasso Fund-Raising Dinner scheduled for October 27.

For further information about Newgrange, visit www.thenewgrange.org or call (609) 688-1280.

Audubon Society Hosts Plainsboro Field Trip

Washington Crossing Audubon Society has announced a field trip to Plainsboro Preserve on Sunday, July 17 beginning at 8 a.m. The field trip will be led by Charles Leck.

The Plainsboro Preserve is a 630 acre parcel of land owned by Middlesex County and Plainsboro Township. The property includes farmlands, woodlands, and wetlands surrounding McCormack Lake. To get to the preserve from Route 1, go east on Scudders Mill Road, turn left onto Dey Road (fourth light), turn left onto Scotts Corner Road (first light), and left into the preserve after approximately one mile.

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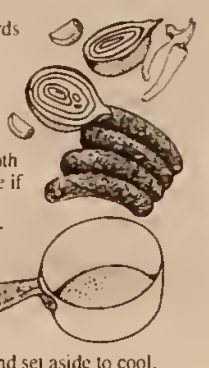

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½ organic red onion, roughly minced
2 to 5 cloves organic garlic, depending on your taste
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 to 3 cups organic free-range chicken broth
2 tsp minced fresh organic ginger, or more if you like
2 to 3 breakfast patties organic turkey sausage, cooked and crumbled

1. Rinse collard greens well and shake to remove excess water. Cut collard greens from stems, discard stems, and cut greens into strips. Steam collards for 15 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside to cool. When cool enough to handle, chop into small pieces.
2. In large frying pan, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add onions and garlic and saute for 5 minutes. Add collards and cayenne, stirring so everything mixes thoroughly.
3. Add 2 cups of chicken broth, or enough to just cover collards. Cook, uncovered, on medium heat until chicken broth cooks down and collards are wet but not soupy, about 20 minutes or so.
4. Add ginger and crumbled turkey sausage and mix well. Heat on medium heat for another 2 to 3 minutes until ingredients are mixed and warmed through. Serve hot and enjoy!

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"Nature's Palette" will be held from 10 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. This program is designed for children between the ages three to five and they must be accompanied by an adult. Children and parents will discover the myriad of colors that paint the Watershed. Participants will take a hike to look for Mother Nature's favorite colors and make a colorful craft to take home.

There will be a free butterfly house tour from 2 till 2:45 p.m. at the Kate Gorrie Butterfly House. Participants will learn about appropriate host plants for butterflies and witness the life cycle of several native New Jersey butterflies.

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is located on Titus Mill Road in Hopewell Township. For additional information or to register for a program, call the Buttinger Nature Center at (609) 737-7592.

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Architect's Petition

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should remain. "I really tried to concentrate it down to its essence: what's the approach to the development? What do people value in town?" He placed an emphasis on building housing that gives the homeowner the opportunity to make individualized improvements. "It's real diversity," he said. Mr. Berlin acknowledged that while the hospital site is privately owned, its facilities work toward the "greater good" of the community and that the hospital's paid consultants should not be the only party putting forth ideas for the Planning Board to consider.

Hospital officials did not respond to a written request for comment on Mr. Berlin's petition.

However, Edwin Schmierer, the Township's municipal attorney, who also practices real estate and land use law, said that it is up to PHCS regarding to whom the property is sold and that the hospital has "cooperated" by gathering public input to arrive at a decision.

"I think Barry Rabner and the trustees have really bent over backwards to explore the options about what would make sense to them and about what would make sense to the community," he said. "But when the dust settles, the final decision about how the property is packaged and marketed will be a decision made by the Medical Center and the Medical Center alone." Generally, what both municipal and hospital officials are trying to avoid is the prospect of litigation. Considering that the hospital is privately-owned, PHCS officials are working with municipal planning officials to rezone the site concurrent with UMCP goals: to build a $300 million facility on a 50-acre plot of land between two and six miles from the Witherspoon campus site. PHCS is going to rely heavily on the sale of the Witherspoon and Merwick campuses for the initial capital in getting a new campus in the ground. If the Planning Board were to make master plan recommendations that resulted in a severe devaluation of the land, the hospital would likely sue.

And while the Planning Board is looking to rezone the site to ensure uniformity of structure and usage, the basic purpose of zoning, according to a November 2002 report on affordable housing written by Borough Mayor Joe O'Neill, is to prevent the loss of property values by setting such structural and use standards.

"If the hospital doesn't get a decent price for their property, then they can't move," said the mayor, who is also a member of the Planning Board.

Mr. O'Neill said the issue of "down zoning" is what makes Mr. Berlin's petition difficult to consider, adding that it is "very unusual" for a planning board to subdivide a property such as the hospital's, adding that it is usually up to the property owner who comes to a planning board to seek subdivision. "Obviously the hospital is an unusual property that has accrued its density over its 85 years," but the action of downzoning is also unusual, the mayor said. Mr. O'Neill also said that it is not "clear" that better outcomes would result in reproducing in the hospital area what exists in the neighborhoods surrounding the hospital. "But we'll see what happens."

The Planning Board is scheduled to hold another discussion on the hospital's Witherspoon campus this Thursday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall.

—Matthew Hersh

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Best Reuse of Vacated Hospital Sites? Variety of Recommendations Offered

To the Editor:

I recently retired as a trustee of the Princeton HealthCare System and I am vitally interested in the plan to relocate the hospital.

The HealthCare System has presented concepts for the reuse of the Witherspoon Street property that respond to many of the wishes of the community. They provide more than 250 residential units not only to seniors but also to the growing diverse population of Princeton; create almost an acre of new space; and substantially reduce the volume of automobile and truck traffic in the area.

The move of the hospital to a new location and its state-of-the-art modernization are critical to all of us who live in Princeton and its surrounding communities. The move will be expensive. Needless to say, the realization of an adequate return from the sale of the Witherspoon Street property is very important to the project.

I hope the Planning Board will approve the conceptual plan advanced by the HealthCare System.

CHARLES C. TOWNSEND JR.
Constitution Hill East

To the Editor:

Princeton beware! Hundreds of older residents, myself included, have been forced to leave your town, in search of appropriate housing. You now have probably the last and best opportunity to keep future seniors amongst you. Urge your government to mandate age-restricted housing on the Medical Center's Witherspoon site. Seniors pay taxes, do not drive much, support community organizations, contribute intellectually, and obviously do not add children to your school system.

ANN A. GIPS
Stonebridge at Montgomery
Skillman

To the Editor:

However the Planning Board feels about the future of the Medical Center, I am sure it does not want the decisions to be made by default. The hospital's future will depend on several factors. It needs a certificate of need and concept approval from the state. Also required will be zoning changes by Princeton Borough and Princeton Township.

If the hospital gets state approval to move, we will have the ability to create something new and exciting in the heart of Princeton — a new focal point that will enhance our town and be of importance to its residents. Respectful of the concerns of neighbors, this is an opportunity for total community benefit. Hands will remain tied if the Planning Board does not request the zoning changes that will enable the Medical Center to work with prospective developers for the future of this key site.

It is vital that the possibilities for this property not be lost by default. This is an opportunity to address Princeton's future creatively. The Regional Planning Board, which holds the key to this future, must act responsibly and promptly by asking the municipalities to address necessary zoning changes.

ROZ DENARD
Jefferson Road

The following letter was sent to the Regional Planning Board of Princeton, The Princeton Borough Council, and The Princeton Township Committee. It can be found in the form of an online petition at www.petitiononline.com/MedCntr.

To the Editor:

Princeton is well loved for its variety, authentic character, and history. Just about everybody feels that after the Medical Center leaves, its Merwick and Witherspoon properties should be blended into the existing texture of this town.

The overwhelming majority of Princeton's properties, both residential and commercial, were developed as small individual parcels, controlled by single families and owners. The result is that each of them continually evolves. In contrast, a large property block under corporate ownership remains static, and its variety is superficial. Also, such a property is subject to the fortunes of that one developer. We believe that, to serve the best interests of the surrounding neighborhoods and to create the best future fabric of Princeton, the Medical Center properties should be subdivided and zoned to create new sections of town modeled directly on Princeton's historical patterns of ownership.

To make this happen, we believe that these sites should not be sold to a single developer; instead, we appeal to the Planning Board to create the same kind of underlying structure of multiple ownership that we find in the rest of town. This way, the new buildings and streets on the Medical Center sites will have our town's authentic variety. Also, they will be created with the involvement of a whole assortment of different people from our own area: builders, investors, architects, realtors, suppliers, lawyers, plumbers, electricians, and tradespeople.

Only individual properties, not corporate superblocks, participate in the life and evolution of a town like ours, where each property has its own special character, its own future history of ownership and change, and its own unique role to play as an individual member of a genuine community of buildings. This is our only chance to do it right.

RONALD BERLIN, A.I.A.
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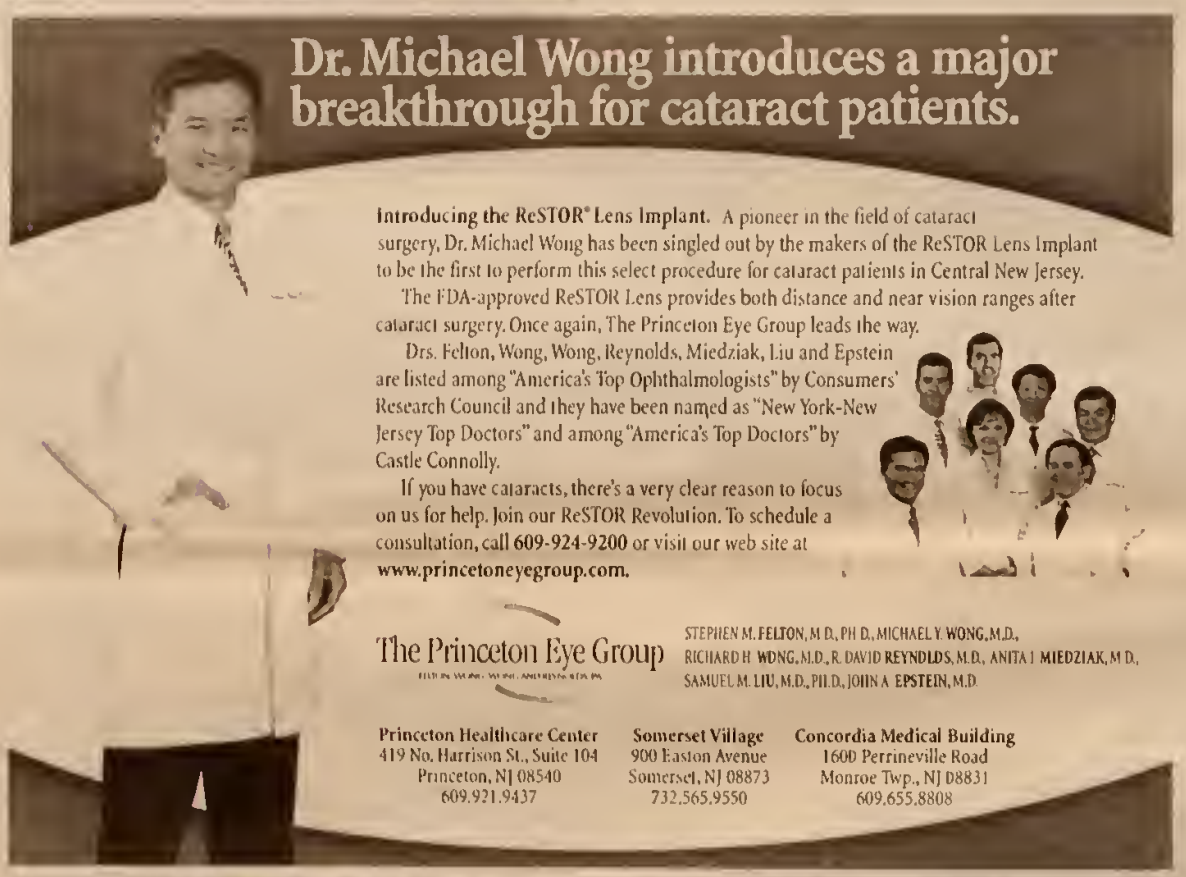

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HANDS-ON MASTERY: Saturday was Chess Day at the Princeton Public Library with National Chess Master Glenn Bady taking on 20 players at one go. Mr. Bady and Russell F. Floyd, a clinician for Corner House, presented a variety of chess programs throughout the library. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Wildflower Preserve Holds Open House

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve will celebrate their sixth annual community open house day, rain or shine, on Saturday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to this free event which will include a variety of nature discovery activities and live music from Jericho Mountain Grass, a local bluegrass folk band.

Activities especially for children include an insect hunt in the meadow, nature crafts, a balloon artist, face-painters, and a coloring contest. For visitors of all ages, free guided wildflower walks of the preserve will cover the meadows, woodlands, ponds, and Pidcock Creek.

Visitors will see frogs, turtles, dragonflies, butterflies, birds, and a variety of meadow flowers in bloom, including black-eyed Susan, butterfly weed, wild bergamot, thin-leaved sunflower and gray-headed cone flower.

Educational exhibits and information about native plants will be available. The visitor center display garden will be bursting with wildflowers and ideas about native plants for home landscaping. Native plants will be available for sale as well as nature-oriented books and gifts.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve is located at 1635 River Road (Rt. 32), 2.5 miles south of New Hope, Pennsylvania. For additional information, call (215) 862-2924 or visit www.bhwp.org.

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Fill out the following survey below and mail to Town Topics Reader Survey, 4 Mercer Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.
Please indicate your name and contact information for the prize drawing.

INTEREST QUESTIONS

1) How satisfied are you with Town Topics in generat?
(1=Very Dissatisfied, 5=Very Satisfied)
❍ 1
❍ 2
❍ 3
❍ 4
❍ 5

2) How often do you read the paper?
❍ Every week
❍ Almost every week
❍ At least once a month
❍ Loss than onco a month
❍ Hardly ever

3) Which part of the paper do you like most? (Please pick up to 3)
❍ Arts
❍ Theater
❍ Culture
❍ Calendar
❍ Classifieds
❍ Real estate
❍ Sports
❍ Municipal News
❍ Feature stories
❍ Advertisements

4) Of the following, which would you like to see more of in the paper? (Check all that apply)
❍ Municipal news
❍ Human Interest
❍ Feature Stories
❍ Business
❍ Financial coverage
❍ University news and announcements
❍ Coverage of children's events (at schools and in town.)

5) Which one of the following additions to Town Topics would you like us to pursue? (Please indicate any additional suggestions in the comments section at the end of this page.)
❍ Section dedicated to the University
❍ Spanish page
❍ Opinions and commentary page
❍ Style and society section
❍ Political/social cartoon ("New Yorker" Style)
❍ Cross-word puzzle
❍ More interective web site
❍ TV show on local cable access

6) Which other papers do you read? (check all that apply)
❍ Times of Trenton
❍ New York Times
❍ U.S.1
❍ Wall Street Journal
❍ Pnnceton Packet

7) What would you think if Town Topics began running a color photo on the front Page?
❍ I would like it a lot
❍ It might be nice
❍ It does not matter to me at all
❍ I would not like it

LOOK AND FEEL

8) How do you feel about the paper visually?
(check all that apply)
❍ The paper is charming the way it is-don't change a thing
❍ The paper could be more modern
❍ The columns are too narrow
❍ The text is loo small
❍ I don't like how I have to follow the stories throughoul the paper (stories aren't contained on one page)
❍ There are not enough pictures
❍ The space between columns is too narrow
❍ The paper appears too cluttered

9) In which of the fotlowing locations would you like to see color added to the paper? (Check all that apply)
❍ Title and logo
❍ Photo on front page
❍ Real Estate section
❍ Masthead (see Page 2 of Town Topics upper left hand corner)
❍ Advertising
❍ Sports photos
❍ Nowhere — I like the current black and white look

SPORTS

10) Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about the sports section?
❍ I am satisfied with the sports coverage in Town Topics
❍ I would like to see a greater emphasis on Princeton University sports
❍ I would like to see a greater emphasis on high school sports
❍ I would like to see an athlete of the week or month column
❍ I do not read the sports section

SUPPLEMENTS

Throughout the year Town Topics runs special insert supplements that either pull out of the paper or are printed on the center pages.

11) Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about the Town Topics supplements?
❍ I enjoy reading all of the different supplements
❍ I only read the supplements that pertain to me and people I know
❍ I don't remember the last time I read one of the supplements
❍ I throw the supplements out

12) Which of the following supplements was useful and/ or enjoyable to you? (check all that apply)
❍ Special Event Planning Guide
❍ Summer Camp Guide
❍ Home Improvement Supplement
❍ Communiversity Guide
❍ Mother's Day Issue
❍ Graduation page
❍ Fitness Guide
❍ Back to School Supplement
❍ Home for the Holidays
❍ A Whole New You

13) If we were to change the design of the supplement section, which of the following changes would you like most? (Please lets us know any suggestions in the comments section below.)
❍ A glossy magazine style supplement
❍ As a center section in the paper
❍ Letter sized newspnnt booklet
❍ Different subjects for the supplements

WEB SITE

14) How often do you log on to the Town Topics web site, http://www.towntopics.com?
❍ Once a week or more
❍ More than once a month
❍ Once a month
❍ Less than Once a month
❍ Never

15) Which of the following would you like to see added to our web site? (check all that apply)
❍ Late breaking editorial news
❍ Local election results
❍ Movie listings
❍ Weather report
❍ Classified ads
❍ Real Estate
❍ SAVE pet of the week
❍ Town Talk
❍ Police Blotter
❍ Sports scores
❍ Local sports schedules
❍ Advertisements
❍ Topics in Brief
❍ Town Topics TV on TV 30

16) How interested are you in watching a Town Topics weekly news program on TV 30 that airs on Thursday evenings?
❍ Very interested
❍ Somewhat interested
❍ I would maybe watch every once and a while
❍ I would probably not watch the show
❍ I am not able to view TV30
❍ I am not familiar with TV30

DEMOGRAPHICS (OPTIONAL)

18) *This section is optional. The purpose is to help us understand more about our readers.*
Which of the following best describes where you live?
❍ Princeton Borough
❍ Princeton Township
❍ Montgomery Township
❍ Franklin Township
❍ Plainsboro Township
❍ West Windsor Township
❍ Lawrence Township
❍ Hopewell Township
❍ Other

19) Please indicate your gender:
❍ Female
❍ Male

20) Please indicate the range that includes your current age:
❍ 18 and under ❍ 56-65
❍ 19-25 ❍ 66-75
❍ 26-35 ❍ 76-85
❍ 36-45 ❍ 86-95
❍ 46-55 ❍ 96-105

21) Please indicate the highest level of education that you have achieved:
❍ Less than high school
❍ High school
❍ College
❍ Graduate or prolessional school
❍ Posl-graduate

22) How long have you lived in this area?
❍ Less lhan 2 years ❍ 11-20 years
❍ 3-5 years ❍ more than 20 years
❍ 6-10 years

23) How many people live in your household?
❍ 1 ❍ 5
❍ 2 ❍ 6
❍ 3 ❍ 7
❍ 4 ❍ more lhan 7

24) How many members of your household read Town Topics?
❍ 1 ❍ 5
❍ 2 ❍ 6
❍ 3 ❍ 7
❍ 4 ❍ more than 7

25) Which of the following statements best describes yourself? (check all that apply)
❍ I am a student
❍ I am recently married
❍ I am single
❍ I have young children
❍ I have been married for more than 7 years
❍ I have children that are in middle school or high school
❍ I am retired

Disclaimer: This information will solely be used internally by Town Topics and will not be shared.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ATTACH COMMENTS.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. Your responses will better help us bring you your local news in the way that is more appropriate for you.
Thank you again and good luck in the prize drawing! Winners will be notified on or about August 5th, 2005.

Official Rules. Prize-drawing entries will be accepted from July 13, 2005 to August 3, 2005. Entries for contact information without completed surveys will be nullified and removed from prize drawing. Limit one prize per entry. Limit one entry per Town Topics reader. Winners will be notified via telephone and e-mail and have seven days to respond before a new winner will be selected. A complete list of winners can be obtained from the Town Topics after August 12, 2005. Eligibility: All participants under the age of 18 must have the permission of a parent or legal guardian. Only serious readers, please. Prizes are subject to certain restrictions at the discretion of the sponsor.

*certain restrictions may apply

Fire Wire

The Princeton Fire Department reports the following activity between July 5 and July 11:

The Department answered calls for false or malfunctioning fire and carbon monoxide alarm systems on South Stanworth Drive, Faculty Road, Washington Road, Constitution Hill West, Nassau Street, North Harrison Street, Drakes Corner Road, Trewbridge Court, Hazlet Avenue, South Tulane Street, and Carriage Way.

On the morning of July 5, Special Services 62 responded to Harris Road for fluids in the roadway secondary to a motor vehicle accident. Absorbent was applied to the affected area.

On the afternoon of July 10, Squirt 63 and Engine 62 responded to a report of a trash can on fire in front of a Quarry Street residence. The fire was mostly out on arrival and crews further wetted down the affected area.

Fire Safety Fact

Children playing with fire cause hundreds of deaths and thousands of injuries each year. Preschoolers are most likely to start these fires, typically by playing with matches and lighters.

In 2002, children playing with fire started an estimated 13,900 structure fires that were reported to U.S. fire departments, causing an estimated 210 civilian deaths, 1,250 civilian injuries, and $339 million in direct property damage.

Most of the people killed in child-playing fires are under 5, and such fires are the leading cause of fire deaths among preschoolers. Roughly 2 out of 3 child-playing fires – and 3 out of 4 associated deaths and injuries – involve matches or lighters.

Children also start fires by playing with candles, fireworks, stoves, and cigarettes.

Among fatal home fires started by children playing, 7 out of 10 involve children igniting bedding, mattresses, upholstered furniture, or clothing.

Just over half of child-playing fires in the home start in a bedroom. Children who start fires may be children in crisis, with the fires acting as cries for help from stressful life experiences or abuse, according to studies of fire-setting behavior.

The Princeton Fire Department is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in the country. Last year it responded to more than 1,000 fire and other calls within the community. The Department is always looking for more members to join. If interested, call (609) 497-7645, or (609) 731-1314.

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 45 calls between July 2 and July 8. Of these, 24 were located in Princeton Township, 19 in Princeton Borough, and two in neighboring municipalities. Included in these numbers were five calls to Princeton University.

On Monday, July 4, at 4:45 a.m., the Squad responded to Clarksville Road near Meadow Road in West Windsor for a motor vehicle collision with multiple patients. Initial reports indicated the car left the road and struck a tree, ejecting two patients and entrapping a third. Ambulance crews from Lawrence Township EMS were on scene with the Squad to assist members of the First Aid Squad in West Windsor. Three patients were transported to Capital Health Systems-Fuld Campus by Lawrence EMS.

Squad members were busy on Tuesday morning, July 5, answering four calls in 48 minutes, all related to falls. The first came in at 11:13 a.m. for an elderly female who fell at a nursing home and lacerated her forehead. Three minutes later, the Squad received a call for a 28-year-old woman with back pain from a fall two days prior. The third call came in at 11:34 a.m. for a 21-year-old man who fell approximately 12 feet off a ladder and injured his knees and head. The last call in this cluster was at 12:01 p.m. for a 63-year-old female who fell and struck her head on a brick walkway. All patients were treated and transported to the University Medical Center at Princeton. Three EMS crews responded to the calls, with an average response time under five minutes.

On Wednesday, July 6, the Squad responded to a local restaurant for a woman who passed out while getting up from her seat at dinner. When the crew arrived, the woman was conscious, but still lying on the floor complaining of weakness and nausea. Upon evaluation, the Squad found she had low blood pressure, a weak pulse, and cool, pale skin. These symptoms are potentially indicative of a cardiac problem, and the crew quickly administered oxygen and transported the woman to the hospital for further evaluation.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization dedicated to providing emergency medical and technical rescue services to the Princeton community. For information on how to support the Squad, visit www.pfars.org, or call (609) 924-3338.

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Have you ever wondered how many baseballs are used in a typical major league season? The number will astound you Let's lead up to the grand total. The average number of balls used per game is 120-130. But there are also 170 - 180 used in batting practice, for a total of about 300 per game. Each team has 81 home games, but don't forget about spring training, which brings each team's total to about 30,600 per season. With 30 big league teams, that brings the grand total to almost 920,000 balls each year. Rawlings makes the balls, charging $6 apiece including shipping for an annual cost of about $5.5 million - still less than the average salary of one New York Yankee starting player.

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How about the number of balls used in other sports - a typical season of football, basketball, hockey, golf and tennis? Any guesses? Here again, the answers will surprise you. Let's start with number two, because baseball tops the list. Tennis is next with more than 875,000 balls used per year on the professional tour. Then comes golf at almost 407,000 balls used each year on the PGA tour. The NFL uses almost 27,000 footballs in an average NFL season, while the NHL uses more than 164,000 hockey pucks. Finally, there is the NBA which uses only about 1,500 basketballs each season.

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PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY: Photographer E.J. Greenblat will exhibit a photographic tribute to the dedication and work of the volunteers of the Princeton Fire Department at Gallery 14 beginning on Friday, July 15. Mr. Greenblat's goal in showing these photographs is to heighten public awareness of their efforts to promote public safety. He also hopes that they result in attracting recruits, and that local merchants and professionals display a photo in appreciation of their efforts. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, call (609)-577-0564, or visit www.photosgallery14.com.

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E.J. Greenblat to Exhibit Fire Department Tribute Photographs at Gallery

Town Topics' Photographer E.J. Greenblat will exhibit a photographic tribute to the dedication and work of the volunteers of the Princeton Fire Department at Gallery 14.

The exhibit opens with a reception for the public on Friday, July 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through August 28.

The photographer will be available to discuss his work and the experiences of photographing firemen on Sunday, July 17, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Mr. Greenblat has been working on this project for almost a year. The exhibit began as an assignment to cover the Department's annual review for Town Topics, and evolved from there. It attempts to depict the dedication, bravery, and fraternity of its members.

The Department's dedication to the community is summed up by one firefighter's remark on why he and his predecessors are firefighters: "That is just something we do."

In these photographs, Mr. Greenblat features calls such as the fire on State Road that destroyed the Princeton Auto Body building, training drills in which they face real-life situations, and glimpses of what it is like to be a member of the Department.

His goal in showing these photographs is to heighten public awareness of their efforts to promote public safety. He also hopes that they result in attracting recruits, and that local merchants and professionals display a photo in appreciation of their efforts.

Fifty percent of net proceeds from sales of the photographs will be donated to the Department. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, call (609)-577-0564, or visit www.photosgallery14.com.

Photographer to Discuss His Works at Library

Acclaimed photographer Ricardo Barros will discuss his works on exhibit in the second floor Reference Gallery of Princeton Public Library on Monday, July 18, at 7 p.m.

Mr. Barros's talk will be in the first floor Community Room at the library and will be followed by a reception in the Open Book Café.

The exhibit, featuring photographs from Mr. Barros's 2004 book, *Focing Sculpture*, is the first in a new series of collaborative contemporary art exhibitions presented by Princeton Public Library and the Arts Council of Princeton. It will be on view through October 30; a concurrent exhibition titled Selected Prints from the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper will open July 18 and run through October 30.

Focing Sculpture features more than 60 interpretive portraits of sculptors with examples of their work. The award-winning book is published by Image Spring Press, which Mr. Barros founded.

Mr. Barros's photographs are included in the permanent collections of major national and international museums and libraries, and two of his one-man shows have been reviewed in the New York Times. His photographs regularly appear in Sculpture magazine and he has been principal photographer for Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton.

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Ceramic Artist Boccini Comes to Tuscan Hills

Artist Nicola Boccini will lead a discussion of Italian ceramica at Tuscan Hills, LLC on July 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. Through his lecture Mr. Boccini will introduce the art form and its history, while discussing his own work and personal journey as a ceramic artist.

Mr. Boccini is a graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts of Perugia. Classically trained in the decoration and painting of ceramics, Mr. Boccini fuses the centuries-old traditions of Italian glazeware with contemporary designs and forms. After extensive traveling and teaching throughout Italy, Europe and the U.S., he created Ceramica Libera Sperimentale, a renowned ceramic artists' group. Then in 2000, along with other artists, he formed the School of Ceramic Art in Deruta, Italy.

The Tuscan Hills Showroom is located on 342 Nassau Street in Princeton. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is closed Sunday and Monday. For more information, call (609)-921-9015, or visit www.tuscan-hills.com.

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Medical Center Exhibits Artist's Oil Paintings

An art exhibition of oil paintings by Dorthea T. Gaal will open at the University Medical Center at Princeton with a wine and cheese reception on Friday, July 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. The collection may be viewed from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, through September 14.

Ms. Gaal was encouraged by her mother, who was also an artist, to attend art classes at an early age. Many of Ms. Gaal's paintings show her love of nature, animals, and color. Her works feature a variety of animals, landscapes, and buildings found on her farm or close to her home in New Jersey. A close adherence to composition, values, and detail complete her style.

Ms. Gaal recently retired from a career in teaching, allowing her to devote more time to her art. She presently paints with a group at Wildwood studio in Basking Ridge, under the direction of Marylyn Stewart. Ms. Gaal has exhibited at galleries and juried shows and has received numerous award.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Auxiliary at the University Medical Center at Princeton. The proceeds from this show will benefit the establishment of a new community Breast Health Center. For more information, call Barbara Allen in the Auxiliary office at (609) 497-4069.

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"THE POND": This pastel was created by artist Thomas George at the Institute for Advanced Study in 1993. It was a gift from the artist to the Princeton University Art Museum. Mr. George gave the museum 37 works spanning over a 50-year period so that people interested in his art might find a representative selection of it in one place. To celebrate this gift, the museum is presenting an exhibition, "Thomas George: A Retrospective," on view through September 11. The museum is open to the public without charge Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. It is closed on Monday and major holidays. Highlights tours of the collection are given every Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. For more information, call (609) 258-3788, or visit http://www.princetonartmuseum.org.

Area Home Sought for JLGP Designer Showhouse

The Junior League of Greater Princeton (JLGP) is looking for an area home to feature in next spring's 14th Annual Designer Showhouse event.

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Held every other year in the spring, the Designer Showhouse is a highly visible fundraising event, with proceeds funding community projects, grants, volunteer training, and other mission-related Junior League activities in Mercer and Bucks counties.

The event's three chairs are Vivian Allen of Princeton, Cathy McMann of Hightstown, and Anne Reilly of Princeton Junction.

Interested homeowners should call (609) 924-6842 or email showhouse2006@hotmail.com for more information.

Works in Wax to Be Shown At Johnson & Johnson

"Works in Wax" will be on display at Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gallery in New Brunswick from July 18 through September 19.

The exhibition features paintings by Alyce Gottesman, a New Jersey-based painter, whose work has evolved in the past four years from large panels painted with oil, to smaller, more intimate paintings created with encaustic. She describes her works as "a visual meditation on the energy and flow of the natural world. The impressions created by light, color and texture are a portrayal of beauty and spirit in the form of abstraction."

The works are built up as layers of wax are painted on wooden panels. Ms. Gottesman uses a variety of objects to create impressions in the layers of wax, adding depth and texture to the works, which combines with the sheen of the encaustic surface and creates an ethereal quality in the paintings.

Ms. Gottsman received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Carnegie-Mellon University and a master's degree from the School of Visual Arts in New York. Her work has been included in numerous exhibitions including most recently, "First Look: Fall" at the New Jersey Center for the Arts in Summit, and "Women Celebrating Art & Music" at Gallery 214 in Montclair.

"Johnson & Johnson is pleased to provide a venue for this exhibition," said Michael Bzdak, the director of Corporate Contributions at Johnson & Johnson. "We believe that the arts are vital to healthy communities."

The Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters Gallery is located at One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick. The gallery is open by appointment only. For more information, call (732) 524-6957.

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SEEKING A HOME TO TRANSFORM: The threesome chairing the Junior League of Greater Princeton's 14th Annual Designer Showhouse event are (from left): Anne Reilly of Princeton Junction, Vivian Allen of Princeton, and Cathy McMann of Hightstown.

"MOKI": This oil-on-canvas created by artist Norma Greenwood will be on view at Gallery 125 this summer as part of "365 Days Later," a juried exhibit of 33 artists in a variety of media. The exhibit is on view through September 5. Gallery 125 is located at 125 S. Warren Street, Trenton. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-9119, or visit http://gallery125.com.

Printmaking Council Offers Art Camp For Children

The Printmaking Council of New Jersey is offering two week long camp programs for children ages 6 through 14, during the week of July 25, in Somerville.

From 9 am till noon, a "T-shirts and Textiles" workshop will be held for children ages 6 through 10. Participants will explore the possibilities of designing fabrics with silk-screen, batik, tie-dyes, and block printing.

From 1 p.m. till 4 p.m., "Photography Through the Ages" will be offered for children ages 10 through 14. Cameras will be provided for campers and they will experience the many facets of black and white photography, including film processing, pinhole cameras, and enlarging.

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Tips from the Princeton Regional Health Department Or Just Tips on Dealing with Summer Heat

Handling Heat Illnesses

As many as 170 people are admitted to hospitals during dangerously hot summers in New Jersey, and many more have to be treated in hospital emergency rooms or at home. Extremely hot and humid weather can mean an increase in deaths, especially for vulnerable populations. The elderly and very young are at particular risk, and the Princeton Regional Health Department and Health Commission would like Princetonians to know how to "beat the heat" and prevent illnesses brought on by high heat and humidity.

What Are Heat Illnesses?

Heat Rash is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating during hot, humid weather. It can occur at any age but is most common in young children. A heat rash looks like a red cluster of pimples or small blisters. It is more likely to occur on the neck and upper chest, in the groin, under the breasts, and in elbow creases. The best treatment for heat rash is to provide a cooler, less humid environment. Keep the affected area dry. Dusting powder may be used to increase comfort, but avoid using ointments or creams as they keep the skin warm and moist and may make the condition worse. Treating heat rash is simple and usually does not require medical assistance.

Sunburn is the result of being out in the sun too long. Care should be taken to avoid it because it can damage the skin. Although the discomfort is usually minor and healing often occurs in about a week, a more severe sunburn may require medical attention. Sunburn symptoms are well known: the skin becomes red, painful, and abnormally warm after sun exposure. Always consult a doctor if the sunburn affects an infant younger than one year of age or if these symptoms are present:

- Fever
- Fluid-filled blisters
- Severe pain

When treating sunburn, avoid further exposure to the sun, apply cold compresses or immerse the sunburned area in cool water, and apply moisturizing lotion, sunburn relief preparations or aloe vera gel to the affected areas. Do not use salve, butter, or ointment. Do not break blisters.

Sunburn can be prevented by minimizing exposure between 11 am and 4 pm, when the sun is strongest; by using a very high SPF sunscreen when out of doors; by wearing a hat or head covering; and by keeping infants and very young children out of the sun altogether.

Heat Cramps are muscle contractions, usually in the hamstring muscles (the muscles at the back of the calves). The contractions are forceful and painful. These cramps seem to be connected to heat, dehydration, and poor conditioning, rather than to lack of salt or other mineral imbalances. They usually improve with rest, drinking water, and a cool environment.

Heat Exhaustion occurs when the body's water and salts lost through perspiration are not adequately replaced. It is a milder illness than heat stroke and may take several days of high temperatures to develop. Victims may have pale, clammy skin and sweat profusely. They may feel weak, tired or dizzy, vomit, and have headaches or sometimes cramps, but their body temperature will remain close to normal. If not remedied, heat exhaustion can be severe enough to require hospitalization. Rest and water may help in mild heat exhaustion, and ice packs and a cool environment may also help. More severely exhausted patients may need IV fluids, especially if vomiting keeps them from drinking enough.

Heat or Sun Stroke is a medical emergency that occurs when the body loses the ability to cool itself. In a matter of minutes people can become extremely ill. They may develop a dangerously high body temperature, hot and dry skin, a rapid and strong pulse, and become delirious or unconscious. Heat stroke is a serious medical emergency and persons suffering from heatstroke need immediate medical attention. Call 911 or get the victim to a hospital immediately. Delay can be fatal. While seeking emergency help remove clothing and move victim to a cooler environment. Use fans and/or air conditioners. Try a cool bath or sponging to reduce body temperature. Do not give fluids.

Preventing Heat Illnesses

- Drink plenty of water or other non-alcoholic beverages throughout the day.
- Reduce physical activity or reschedule it for cooler times of day.
- Wear loose and light-colored clothing. When in the sun apply sunscreen to all exposed skin and wear a hat or head covering. A good pair of sunglasses will protect your eyes.
- If you do not have air conditioning at home, take advantage of libraries, senior centers, movies, malls, or other publicly accessible buildings during the hottest hours of the day.
- Do not overdress children, and give them plenty of liquids to drink throughout the day. Children under the age of five, and particularly those under age one, are especially vulnerable to the effects of heat.
- Check on elderly relatives and neighbors to see if they need help taking proper heat precautions, or if they need medical attention because of the heat. Make sure adequate fluids are within easy reach of individuals who are bedridden or have mobility problems.
- As we get older, some of us lose the urge to drink enough, even when our bodies are in the early stages of dehydration. Encourage the elderly to drink plenty of liquids even though they may not feel thirsty.
- Talk to your pharmacist or health care provider about any medicine or drugs you are taking, such as tranquilizers and drugs used to treat Parkinson's disease. Some can increase the risk of heat-related illness. Others, like some diuretics and antibiotics, can make the skin more prone to sunburn.
- Don't ever leave anyone—infant, child, pet or adult—in an enclosed hot car, even for a minute!

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MUSIC REVIEW

Princeton Summer Concerts Presents The Gryphon Trio in Summer Series

The Gryphon Trio, comprised of violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, cellist Roman Borys, and pianist James Parker, named itself after a mythical guardian of treasures. The Trio's performance in Richardson Auditorium last Thursday night, as part of the Princeton Summer Concert Series, was by no means mythical, and their choice of repertoire indicated that they are indeed guardians of musical treasures. Their presentation of the music of Mozart, Dvorak, and Canadian composer Christos Hatzis, provided a refreshing musical break in a summer week.

The Gryphon Trio is a personable group — Dr. Parker was more than happy to update the audience on the family lives of the players. The close bond among the players was clear in their communication with one another. Cellist Roman Borys was always looking around at his fellow players, timing his ornaments and dynamics exactly. This was especially apparent in Mozart's Trio in B flat, whose first movement Allegro included a great deal of interplay between piano and violin. Dr. Parker provided very light piano, and the entire ensemble used the acoustics of Richardson well. The crescendos in the development section of the first movement were especially well brought out. Throughout the three movements of the Trio, the players functioned much as an opera ensemble, with emphasis on different instruments at different times and a great deal of playfulness.

The next performance in the series will be by the Miro Quartet on July 14. Free tickets will be distributed at 7 p.m. on the evening of the performance. For information call the Richardson box office at (609) 258-5000.

The Trio has made a commitment to contemporary music in general and Canadian contemporary music in particular, commissioning a number of composers, including Christos Hatzis, whose music is inspired by world cultures and the Byzantine heritage. *Constantinople* is a work for mezzo-soprano, Middle Eastern singer (alto), violin, cello, piano, and electronic audio-visual media; for Thursday night's performance, the Gryphon Trio excerpted "Old Photographs" from this 80-minute, eight-movement work. "Old Photographs" began with the piano playing to set the mood for what could easily have been a musical backdrop for a film. One heard the cello for the first time with a solo melody, well balanced against a fluid piano. With a number of parallel dissonances and a pace which evoked motion, one wondered what the subjects were of these old photographs. The shifting moods of the music showed a definite influence of jazz, one of Mr. Hatzis' acknowledged inspirations.

The Gryphon Trio closed their polished and refined concert with Dvorak's Trio in e minor, a six movement work nicknamed the *Dumky Trio*, and one of the most beloved trios in chamber music repertoire. The movements contain a great deal of ebb and flow, and the trio moved through each section effortlessly. The work shows the influences of Dvorak's Czech and American roots, including a very broad Bohemian style and piano playing which seemed to emulate bells. Although only three musicians, the Gryphon Trio's presentation of this work was never boring; they always found new ways to communicate with one another through the evening.

The Gryphon Trio has been touring since 1993, and by chamber music standards is a young ensemble. However, their discography is impressive, and it is clear that these three players are well molded together as a musical unit. Princeton audiences were lucky to hear them this summer, and hopefully they will be regulars to the area. —**Nancy Plum**

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Yardley Players Bring "Annie Get Your Gun" To Open Air Theater

Cathy Liebars of Fairless Hills, Pa., and Bill Pessel of Princeton will star as Annie Oakley and Frank Butler in The Yardley Players Theatre Company production of *Annie Get Your Gun*, a musical version of the story of sharpshooter Annie Oakley, at the Open Air Theater in Washington Crossing State Park on Thursday, July 21 through Saturday, July 30. The performances will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 21, 22, and 23; and Wednesday through Saturday, July 27, 28, 29, and 30 at 8 p.m.

The best shot around, Annie Oakley supports her little brother and sisters by selling the game she hunts. When she's discovered by Col. Buffalo Bill, he persuades her to join his Wild West Show. It only takes one glance for her to fall head over heels for shooting ace Frank Butler, who headlines the show. She soon eclipses Butler as the main attraction, which may be good for business but bad for romance. His male ego bruised, Butler leaves to join a rival show, but is ultimately pitted against Annie in a final shoot-out.

Also in the cast are Sydney Kobil and Linzy Anderson of Princeton; David Szemis of West Windsor; Andy Mahaney of Ewing; Scott Karlin of Plainsboro; and Courtney Cowman, Matthew Steele, Michael Steele, Shawn Simmons, and Krystal Vozza, all of Hamilton.

Ticket prices range from $8 to $10, with discounts for children and seniors. For information, call (609) 737-1826.

The Open Air Theater is located in Washington Crossing State Park on Washington Crossing-Pennington Road in Titusville.

Concert Series Resumes Next Week at Westminster

Westminster Choir College's summer concert series will continue with a hymn sing on Monday, July 18, a sing-in on Tuesday, July 19, and recitals on July 20 and 21. All of the concerts will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Westminster's Bristol Chapel and are open to the public at no charge.

On Monday, Kevin O'Malia will lead the audience in a hymn sing entitled *The Liturgical Year in Hymns, Psalms, and Spirituol Songs*. A 2002 Westminster graduate, he is presently enrolled in Westminster's graduate program, majoring in sacred music with a concentration in organ. He is the assistant organist and choirmaster at Trinity Church in Princeton.

Paul Head will conduct audience members in a sing-in of Faure's *Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine* on Tuesday, July 19. Participants are encouraged to bring their own scores; however, a limited number will be available for borrowing at the door.

On Wednesday, July 20, soprano Nancy Froysland Hoerl, accompanied by pianist Akiko Hosaki, will present a recital entitled Summer Song featuring music by Hahn, Sibelius, and Debussy. Ms. Hoerl has performed in Europe, the United States, and the United Kingdom. A recipient of the 1990 International Professional Exchange program sponsored by the English Speaking Union, she studied the music of the British Isles in Edinburgh and Glasgow and presented an all-American recital in St. Cecilia Hall at the University of Edinburgh.

Ms. Hosaki has appeared with singers, instrumentalists, conductors, and opera companies in Japan, the United States, Taiwan, Switzerland, France, Spain, and Barbados. She earned her undergraduate degree in piano performance at Musashino Academia Musicae in Tokyo, and received her double master's degree in piano performance and piano coaching/accompanying from Westminster. She has served as accompanist for the American Boychoir, Fuma Sacra, Saxophone Congress XIII, Tubonium, New Jersey State Opera, and New Jersey Opera Theater.

On Thursday, July 21, Kenneth Cowan will present an organ recital. An adjunct faculty member for the past four years, Mr. Cowan was recently appointed to a full-time position in the organ department at Westminster. He has performed solo recitals across the United States and Canada and has been featured at conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, and the Royal Canadian College of Organists. His numerous awards include first prizes at the Royal Canadian College of Organists' National Competition and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music National Competition.

For a schedule of Westminster's 2005 summer events, call the Westminster box office at (609) 921-2663 or visit http://westminster.rider.edu.

State Symphony Orchestra Receives Two Large Grants

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra has announced that it has received two significant grants in support of its audience-building efforts. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, via its Orchestra Forum program, will donate $1,350,000 to the NJSO over a three-year period, the largest amount the Foundation has given to any orchestra in the U.S. to date.

The second grant, in the amount of $100,000, is from the Victoria Foundation and will be used to launch a new one-year pilot program to introduce more residents of Newark to the NJSO's offerings at NJPAC. By providing complimentary NJSO tickets to city residents, the new program will create an awareness of music and the arts, and help foster a sense of community and ownership of the NJSO among Newark residents.

"These grants from the Mellon and Victoria Foundations are a powerful and positive stamp of approval to the efforts of the NJSO," said Dr. Victor Parsonnet, NJSO Chairman. "Both foundations have encouraged us to experiment in ways to become relevant in the lives of children and families throughout the State of New Jersey. We are deeply appreciative of the commitment this support represents."

The Mellon Foundation's Orchestra Forum provides grants to 14 American orchestras and challenges each to strengthen its organization.

Victoria Foundation is a private grantmaking institution founded in 1924 by Hendon Chubb in honor of his mother, Victoria Eddis Chubb. Since the early 1960s the Foundation has targeted giving to programs that impact the cycle of poverty in Newark. Funded projects address K-12 education reform, neighborhood revitalization, and strengthening youth and families.

Although the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra serves as the resident orchestra of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, it continues to fulfill its mission as a true state orchestra by presenting concerts statewide. As such, it presents more than 160 concerts each year from Bergen to Cape May County. The Orchestra also offers a wide-ranging educational program, reaching students in all 21 New Jersey counties with a variety of programs from instrumental workshops to full orchestral performances.

Singer's Tour to Include Stop in New Brunswick

The singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams will perform at New Brunswick's State Theatre on Friday, August 5 at 8 p.m., celebrating the release of her latest CD, *Live @ The Fillmore*. Tickets range from $25 to $45.

Named America's Best Songwriter by Time magazine in 2001, Ms. Williams' songs range from blues to folk, country, gospel, and rock. *Live @ The Fillmore*, her first live album, is a collection of 22 songs recorded over three nights at San Francisco's Fillmore Auditorium.

Born in Louisiana, Ms. Williams attributes much of her success to the influences of traditional folk, country, rock, blues, and other related musical genres, and to her lyrics touching on love, lust, rejection, and God.

For tickets, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469, or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

The State Theatre is located at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

State Theatre Reports Upbeat Financial Picture

For the first time in five years, New Brunswick's not-for-profit State Theatre Performing Arts Center will start its fiscal year with a balanced budget, according to theater president and CEO Wesley O. Brustad. The good news was delivered to the theater's board of trustees at its annual meeting on June 28.

Briefing the board on highlights of the theater's 2004-05 season, Mr. Brustad attributed the balanced budget to a three-pronged approach: reorganization, cost-cutting, and exceeding the year's fundraising goals, which he said represented "a great deal of hard work and discipline" by many on the board and staff.

Chief among other highlights of the theater's recent season were the completion of a $3 million restoration and lighting/sound upgrade, a $400,000 reduction in theater operating expenses, a 14 percent increase in ticket sales, a $100,000 gift to the theater's symphony endowment fund, and a gala benefit which raised more than $600,000.

Looking ahead, Mr. Brustad said that the theater would present 80 to 85 mainstage attractions in the coming season; expand its summer programming; launch a free, outdoor jazz series every Wednesday evening in September; inaugurate new comedy and lecture series for the 2005-06 season; and unveil a new donor lounge this fall for leadership donors.

STRAIGHT SHOOTERS: Bill Pessel of Princeton and Cathy Liebars of Fairless Hills, Pa. will star as Frank Butler and Annie Oakley in the Yardley Players Theatre Company's production of "Annie Get Your Gun," running Thursday, July 21 through Saturday, July 30 at the Open Air Theater in Washington Crossing State Park. For tickets, call (609) 737-1826.

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Former Youngbloods Singer At Grounds For Sculpture

The folk/rock singer Jesse Colin Young, whose songs as a solo artist and with The Youngbloods include *Get Together* and *Light Shine*, will perform at Grounds For Sculpture on Saturday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia singer Kate Gaffner will open the show.

Mr. Young started his career in Greenwich Village with Bob Dylan and Carly Simon. He recorded his first solo album, Soul of the City, at the age of 19. His folk rock group The Youngbloods toured with Led Zeppelin, Janis Joplin, Carlos Santana, and the Grateful Dead. In 1971 he formed the Jesse Colin Young Band, which toured with Billy Joel, Van Morrison, Bonnie Raitt, and Bruce Springsteen until the late '90s. His new band, Jesse Colin Young and the Kona All Stars, features musicians from Hawaii.

In September, a two CD set, *The Very Best of Jesse Colin Young*, will be released.

Tickets for the performance are $18 for members, $23 for non-members. To order, call (609) 586-0616, ext. 20.

The Grounds For Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton.

Princeton Barbershoppers Win District Competition

The Princeton Garden Statesmen Barbershop Chorus won its second consecutive Mid Atlantic District, Atlantic Division Intermediate Chorus Championship at the Wyndham Hotel in Wilmington, Del. on May 21. The 41-member chorus outperformed seven other intermediate choruses from New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland to claim the crown. In the competition's overall standings, the Garden Statesmen finished second, the best overall showing ever for the chorus.

Judges evaluated the groups on singing quality, presentation, and song selection. In all, 16 choruses participated in the annual convention. Choruses ranged in size from 15 members to 70 members.

The Princeton Garden Statesmen Barbershop Chorus will next advance to the Mid-Atlantic District Chorus Finals in Wildwood Crest, N.J. on the weekend of September 30 and October 1, where they will compete with choruses from New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, and Maryland. Winners at the District finals will advance to the International Chorus Contest.

Summer Concerts Ending With Enso String Quartet

The 37th Season of the Princeton University Summer Concerts will end next week with the Enso String Quartet on Wednesday, July 20 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

The quartet's program will include the *String Quartet No. 8 in C Minor* by Shostakovich, Beethoven's *String Quartet in F Major*, and the *String Quartet in B-flat Major* by Ignaz Josef Pleyel.

In September, the quartet was awarded second prize and the Pièce de Concert prize at the Eighth Banff International String Quartet Competition. The following month, it was featured in a national broadcast of Minnesota Public Radio's long-running program, *Saint Paul Sunday*. The ensemble's recent concerts have included its New York debut at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, and performances at Merkin Concert Hall, St. Vincent College, Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society, Jefferson Academy of Music at Ohio State University, the Bedford (N.Y.) Chamber Music Series, and the Tri-Institutional Noon Recitals Series at Rockefeller University, in addition to a 2-week residency at France's Académie Européenne de Musique d'Aix-en-Provence.

For tickets, or information about tickets for those with disabilities, call (609) 631-7884.

Opera Theater Announces A Busy Summer Schedule

In its second season, the New Jersey Opera Theater will present a trilogy of operas derived either directly or indirectly from the works of the writer Beaumarchais — Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*, Rossini's *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, and Massenet's *Chérubin*. All of the operas, full productions with orchestra, will be performed at the Berlind Theatre.

NJOT's production will mark the first major staging of *Chérubin* in repertoire in the U.S. It was staged only once before in New York during the mid 1980s.

On August 12 and 16 at 7:30 p.m., and August 20 at 8 p.m., the season will open with *Le nozze di Figaro* conducted by NJOT's principal conductor Michael Recchiuti and directed by David Grabarkewitz.

On August 14 at 2 p.m., August 17 at 7:30 p.m., and August 19 at 8 p.m., Rossini's, *Il barbiere di Siviglia (Barber of Seville)* will enter the repertoire, conducted by Brent McMunn and directed by Rhoda Levine.

And on August 18 at 7:30 p.m. and August 21 at 2 p.m., Massenet's *Chérubin* will debut, conducted by Mark Flint and directed by Marc Verzatt.

Also at Berlind will be *Beaumarchais Plus*, on August 13 at 8 p.m. and August 14 at 7:30 p.m. The program will include fully staged scenes from opera rarities based on the writings of Beaumarchais, including Paisiello's *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, Corigliano's *The Ghosts of Versailles*, and Milhaud's *La mere coupable*, conducted by Anthony Barresse. Lawrence Edelson will direct; Robin Stamper will be the accompanist. All operas and the *Beaumarchais Plus* will be performed with English supertitles.

A free afternoon concert of soprano and mezzo soprano arias and ensembles will be offered at the Berlind Theatre on August 20 at 2 p.m. Reservations are encouraged and may be made by calling New Jersey Opera Theater directly at (609) 799-7700.

NJOT will also present *Musical Theater Under the Stars*, a concert featuring scenes and solos from such Broadway musicals as *West Side Story*, *Carousel*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *South Pacific*, at Pettoranello Gardens on August 5 and 6 at 8:30 p.m. The performers will be NJOT cast members accompanied by Assistant Conductor Ron Land on piano.

On Saturday, August 13, The Nassau Club will host a full-day symposium on Beaumarchais (1732-1799) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The symposium will be conducted by Cori Ellison, NJOT Artistic Advisor and New York City Opera dramaturg. Tickets including lunch are $55 and are available by calling NJOT at (609) 799-7700.

Two other free events will round out NJOT's summer season. On Friday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. the Princeton Public Library will feature NJOT performers, who will both sing and discuss their roles. On Saturday, July 30 at 7 p.m. an extended event featuring staged excerpts from the season's offerings will be presented as part of the West Windsor Arts Council Summer Series at Nassau Park.

Based in Princeton, NJOT was established and incorporated in November, 2002 as a non-profit arts organization. All programs and activities strive to combine educational and performance components.

Tickets for all opera performances are available through McCarter Theatre by calling (609) 258-2787.

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Residents David and Delia Drake left behind a large home and property in Skillman to find new freedom at Stonebridge. They stroll morning and evening along Stonebridge's walking paths, enjoying the exercise and countryside views of the surrounding 160 acres of rural preserved open space. The best part: there is not a single worry about pruning, mowing, watering or raking leaves.

Life at Stonebridge, with its weekly housekeeping, restaurant-style meals and other amenities leaves this altruistic couple with time for what is really important. Mrs. Drake works with women who are recovering from drug or alcohol addiction while Mr. Drake is pursuing a master's degree in divinity and works part-time as a chaplain in a nursing home.

David and Delia Drake

Like Cathy and Chet Stroup, the Drakes saw value in moving sooner rather than later. "We felt that now was the time to come," Mr. Drake said, "when we could still enjoy all the amenities Stonebridge has to offer."

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New Jersey Opera Theater Offers Summer Preview

New Jersey Opera Theater will offer a preview of its summer performances at McCarter Theatre in a July 22 program at Princeton Public Library.

The 7:30 p.m. performance in the library's first floor Community Room will feature performances of works from Mozart's *The Morrioge of Figoro*, Le nozze di Figaro, Rossini's *Borber of Seville*, and Massenet's *Chérubin*, along with music by Paisiello, Corigliano and Milhaud.

The company is presenting a season celebrating the operatic version of the works of the French dramatist Beaumarchais at McCarter's Berlind Theatre in August.

In addition to the performances, the library event will give the public a chance to mingle with the New Jersey Opera Theater's members, ask questions and diseover more about opera.

"I think it's very important for the general public to interrelate with the artists and realize that what we do is very tangible and very much a part of society for the past hundreds of years," said Scott Altman, co-founder of the New Jersey Opera Theater.

He added that this event gives the company a chance to "bring opera to life and show the accessibtlity of opera and that the performer is just doing his or her job much like a doctor or lawyer or librarian."

Mr. Altman said the company is very excited about its first season at McCarter, which was the home of the now defunct Opera Festival of New Jersey.

The New Jersey Opera Theater appearance is part of the library's popular Unquiet Fridays series. The library stays open late one Friday night each month to present a cultural and personal enrichment programming.

For more information, contact Readers Services Coordinator Susan Roth at (609) 924-9529, ext. 257, or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

Sing-in, Ice Cream Social Planned by Voices Chorale

Pennington's Voices Chorale will hold a "Summer Sing-in and Ice Cream Social" on Wednesday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pennington Presbyterian Church. Dr. Lynne Ransom, Music Director and founder of Voices, will conduct Mozart's *Requiem* with assistance from Dr. J. A. Kawarsky.

Area singers are invited to attend the sing free of charge. After brief warm-ups and practice, the assembled chorus and sololsts will sing through the complete *Requiem*. The program is not considered a performance, but an informal opportunity to bring great music to life. Singers may bring their own scores or borrow one at the event.

Singers may audition for the Chorale before or after the sing. Appointments may also be made for a later audition by calling Sandy Duffy, membership chair, at (609) 799-2211.

Recent Voices concerts have included the oratorio *Soul* by G.F. Handel, and *Lyrics by Whitman*, a collage of pieces by various composers setting Walt Whitman's poems to music.

The Pennington Presbyterian Church is located at 13 South Main Street, Pennington.

Westminster Schedules Auditions for 2 Musicals

The Actors Company, the resident theater company at Westmtnster Conservatory, will hold open auditions tomorrow, July 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the Westminster campus. The auditions are for productions of *Falsettos*, which will be staged from September 23 through October 2 in Princeton and New York City, and *The Wiz*, which will be staged December 17 and 18 in Princeton.

There are openings for male and female adults 18 and over and for boys who look 11 years of age. Auditioners will be asked to sing a music theater song. They may also be asked to read from a script.

Originally founded as a student theater group at Westminster Choir College, The Actors Company became the resident theater company of Westminster Conservatory in 2002. The company has produced more than a dozen productions at Westminster, Princeton University, and venues in New York City and Philadelphia. It offers classes in improvisation, musical theater, Broadway dance, and acting for children and adults. To schedule a 10-minute appointment, call Westminster Conservatory at (609) 921-7104.

Cashore Marionettes To Perform at McCarter

Young Audiences of New Jersey will present the Cashore Marionettes at The Roger S. Berlind Theatre at McCarter Theatre on Saturday, July 16, at 1:00 p.m. The program will be followed by a hands-on workshop at 2:30 p.m.

The performance is a series of touching portrayals and poignant scenes from everyday life set to stunning music.

The July 16 performance will mark the third and final performance in the Young Audiences series, which has also included a master storyteller and an a cappella group.

Tickets for all seats for the Cashore Marionettes performance, which is intended for children age eight and above and their families, are $12.

"We could not think of a better way to end the series than with the amazing Cashore Marionettes. The performance will be incredible and 25 lucky children will have a chance to participate in a hands-on workshop," said Kristin Wenger, Young Audiences executive director.

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Flawed Comic Book Adaptation Not Very "Fantastic"

In recent years, Marvel Comics has met with mixed success in bringing its comic book superheroes to the big screen. These adaptations share a plotline in which considerable time is devoted to the "before" background of each character and the twist of fate which endowed them with some superhuman trait.

This formula worked for *Spider-Man* and the *X-Men*, however, it failed for *The Hulk* and *Daredevil*. *Fantastic Four* is another miss for Marvel, because the film fails to deliver the action sequences expected of this genre. Instead, director Tim Story has opted to focus more on incestuous relationship issues as he did in his hit comedy *Barbershop*.

The movie stars Ioan Gruffudd as the rubber-limbed Dr. Reed Richards, aka Mr. Fantastic, Jessica Alba as Sue Storm, aka The Invisible Woman, Chris Evans as her brother, Johnny Storm, aka The Human Torch, and Michael Chiklis as he-man Ben Grimm, aka The Thing. If these protagonists sound familiar, it is because this picture follows closely on the heels of *The Incredibles*, which won this year's Oscar for Best Animated Feature Film.

That cartoon revolved around a fearless family of five crime-fighters, four of whose powers were shamelessly lifted from the *Fantastic Four*. Led by the inordinately strong Mr. Incredible, they also included Violet who turned invisible, Elastigirl who stretched herself, and Jack-Jack who set himself on fire. However, the *Fantastic Four* came first, having been created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby in 1961.

As the movie opens, we find Reed and Ben asking billionaire financier/diabolical villain Dr. Victor Von Doom to underwrite their space flight to study the effect of cosmic rays on plant life. He agrees on the condition that he be allowed to keep the profits from any scientific discoveries. Plus, they must make room on the rocket ship for Dr. Doom's proteges, Sue and Johnny Storm.

Something goes horribly wrong while the astronauts are in outer space and they return to Earth with the above mentioned abilities. Ben is the worst off, because he has been permanently transformed into a bright orange, monster. Though he is dumped by his fiancée, he soon finds a sympathetic shoulder to lean on in Alicia (Kerry Washington), a beautiful blind girl he meets in a bar.

MUST'VE BEEN SOMETHING I ATE: Johnny Storm, aka the Human Torch (Chris Evans), tries to figure out what happened to turn him into a human fireball after he was caught in a radiation storm while in outer space.

Meanwhile, the other three mutants adjust to their new alter egos in various subplots. A love triangle has Sue dividing her attention between Drs. Doom and Richards, and her brother Johnny flirts with virtually every woman he sees.

Almost as crude are the crass cross-promotions for the extensive *Fantastic Four* product line, such as the pause taken to allow a character to hold up an action figure of himself. The showdown with Dr. Doom comes as an afterthought not worth the wait, some spectacular stunt work atop a New York bridge notwithstanding.

Don't wait for a sequel, because one scene doth not a series make.

Fair (★). Rating: PG-13 for intense action sequences and suggestive content. Running time: 111 minutes. Studio: 20th Century Fox.

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Apres Vaus (R for profanity). French farce about a well-adjusted waiter who ends up in a messy love triangle with the suicidal man whose life he saves and the attractive woman who had recently dumped him. In French with subtitles.

Batman Begins (PG-13 for violence, disturbing images, and mature themes). Christian Bale is the latest incarnation of the Caped Crusader in this IMAX prequel which retraces how, as an orphaned young lad, Bruce Wayne abandoned Gotham City to study martial arts in Asia, returning to defend the metropolis as his crime-fighting alter ego. Expanded cast includes Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Katie Holmes, Liam Neeson, Ken Watababe, Gary Oldman, Tom Wilkinson, and Rutger Hauer.

The Beat That My Heart Skipped (Unrated). This remake of James Toback's cult classic *Fingers* (1978) revolves around a 28 year-old Parisian who would prefer to pursue his dream of becoming a concert pianist rather than follow in his shady father's footsteps. In French, Mandarin, Russian, and English with subtitles.

Bewitched (PG-13 for sex, expletives, partial nudity, and drug references). Nicole Kidman brings the Elizabeth Montgomery role to the screen in this adaptation of the television series (1964-1972). Plot has a real witch unknowingly cast to play a witch on a television sitcom about a witch married to a human. With Will Ferrell as husband Darrin, Shirley MacLaine as mother Endora, Steve Carell as Uncle Arthur, Jim Turner as Larry Tate, and Amy Sedaris as Mrs. Kravitz.

Charlie and the Chacalate Factary (PG for quirky situations, mild epithets, and action sequences). Tim Burton directs this adaptation of Roald Dahl's children's novel of the same name. Freddie Highmore, who was in *Finding Neverland*, plays the impish title character joined by Johnny Depp as Willy Wonka, a role first brought to the movies in 1971 by Gene Wilder.

Cinderella Man (PG-13 for profanity and graphic boxing violence). Ron Howard and Russell Crowe (*A Beautiful Mind*) reunite for this Depression-era bio-pic about the life and times of the legendary Jim Braddock, an unemployed New Yorker who turned to boxing to feed his family. With Renée Zellweger as his wife, Craig Bierko as title fight opponent Max Baer, and acclaimed character actor Paul Giamatti.

Dark Water (PG-13 for frightening sequences, profanity, disturbing images, and mature themes). Jennifer Connelly stars in this remake of a 2002 Japanese horror flick as a divorcée in the midst of a bitter custody battle who moves with her daughter (Ariel Gade) into a dilapidated house which happens to be haunted by the ghost of a previous resident.

Fantastic Faur (PG-13 for suggestive content and action sequences). Live-action adaptation of the Marvel Comics classic about a team of astronauts who develop superhuman powers after exposure to cosmic radiation. Julian McMahon as the diabolical Doctor Doom squares off against Ian Gruffudd as Mr. Fantastic, Michael Chiklis as The Thing, Jessica Alba as the Invisible Woman, and Chris Evans as the Human Torch.

Heights (R for profanity, nudity, and sexuality). New York City serves as the backdrop for this serendipitous ensemble drama about the intersection of five lives over the course of a most eventful 24-hour period. With Glenn Close, Elizabeth Banks, James Marsden, George Segal and Isabella Rossellini.

Herbie: Fully Loaded (G). Disney casts Lindsay Lohan as the new owner of Herbie, an anthropomorphic auto with a mind of his own and determined to race on the NASCAR circuit.

Howl's Maving Castle (PG for mild epithets and frightening images). Japanese anime adventure, based on the children's fantasy novel of the same name by Diana Wynne, revolving around the plight of an 18 year-old girl who has been transformed into an old woman by a wicked witch.

Madagascar (PG for crude humor, mild epithets, and mature themes). Animated family adventure about four animals raised in captivity at New York's Central Park Zoo who escape but end up crated and carted off to Africa where they have to fend for themselves in the wild. Starring Ben Stiller as a lion, Chris Rock as a zebra, David Schwimmer as a giraffe, and Jada Pinkett-Smith as a pregnant hippopotamus. Supporting voice cast includes Cedric the Entertainer and Andy Richter.

Mad Hat Ballraom (PG for mature themes). Dance documentary retraces the inspirational rise of eleven year-old New York City public school kids from humble circumstances who master the tango, fox trot, rumba, swing, and merengue in preparation for the annual, citywide competition.

March af the Penguins (G). Ornithological documentary follows a flock of penguins for a year, focusing intently on one pair of lovebirds in particular, during their annual migration across the Antarctic.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13 for sexual content, expletives, and intense violence). Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie share the title roles in this crime thriller about a seemingly sedate, suburban couple who are unaware that they are both assassins and under contract to kill each other. Support cast includes Vince Vaughn, Angela Bassett, Kerry Washington, and Keith David.

My Summer af Love (R for sex, expletives, and drug use). Steamy coming out/coming-of-age drama about the Yorkshire countryside escapades of a couple of 16-year-olds, one a working class tomboy (Nathalie Press), the other a spoiled debutante who lives in the mansion down the road (Emily Blunt).

Rebound (PG for mild epithets and mature themes). Martin Lawrence stars in this comedy as a hot-headed college basketball coach who finds himself demoted to the junior high school level where he tries to learn to control his temper. Cast includes Wendy Raquel Robinson and Saturday Night Live's Horatio Sanz.

War of the Worlds (PG-13 for disturbing images and frightening sequences of violence). Steven Spielberg directs this remake of the 1953 sci-fi film based on the 1938 radio play narrated by Orson Welles adapted from the original H.G. Wells classic novel about a Martian invasion of Earth. Tom Cruise stars as a dockworker struggling to save his family. Cast includes Dakota Fanning, Miranda Otto, Tim Robbins, and Gene Barry.

Wedding Crashers (R for sex, expletives and nudity). Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn buddy-up in this over the top comedy as divorce mediators who devote their weekends to attending weddings in search of women. Tension arises when one of them falls for the daughter (Rachel McAdams) of an eccentric politician (Christopher Walken). Cast includes Will Ferrell and Jane Seymour. **—Kam Williams**

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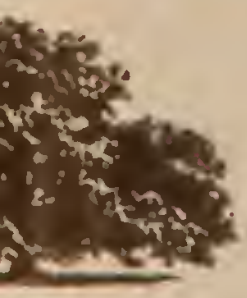

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BOOK REVIEW

Two Stars Born to Run Sing of Asbury Park

Contrary to rumor, Asbury Park is neither dead nor dying. What with regular events at the Paramount Theater and convention hall and a July 4 parade celebrating "Tilly," the giant smiling face that used to greet visitors to Palace Amusements, Bruce Springsteen's "city of ruins" ("the boarded up windows/the empty streets") appears to be undergoing a genuine revival. This renaissance is happening even in the face of numbers recently reported in the New York Times: 36.1 percent of Asbury Park's residents live below the poverty level; its unemployment rate is more than three times the state average; and the crime rate is double the rate of any other municipality in Monmouth County.

Two other signs of life have surfaced this summer in the form of two very different books — Helen-Chantal Pike's *Asbury Park's Glory Days: The Story of an American Resort* (Rutgers $29.95) and Daniel Wolff's *4th of July, Asbury Park: A History of the Promised Lond* (Bloomsbury $24.95). Pike's is one of those diverting, lavishly illustrated compendiums of anecdotes and information that can best be enjoyed through random delvings, while Wolff's meditation on Asbury Park, which takes its title from the first Springsteen song to make the charts, should be read straight through from the beginning. Wolff's book has depth and narrative force. Pike offers a melange of images and personal accounts of the place that could serve as a complement to the other book's more ambitious and imaginative approach. Readers of *4th of July, Asbury Park* will probably find themselves wishing for photographs like the ones included in *Asbury Park's Glory Days*. But those who want a full-scale understanding of an event often blamed for the resort's downward spiral in the 1980s and 1990s need to read Wolff's fascinating account of the race riot that began on the west side of town on July 4, 1970.

Whatever you may think of either book, the obvious hero of the Asbury Park story is Bruce Springsteen, who is still giving tangible support and inspiration to the revival of the city that has been so closely identified with the character of his songs. He not only put the place on the map, he made it a site in the imagination of his listeners. People who have lived in Springsteen's songs come to where "the amusement park rises bold and stark" to visit the source, even if Pinball Way or Madame Marie are long gone. When the Boss sets concert crowds rocking and roaring like an evangelical life force rousing the congregation, you can almost believe he has the power to bring it all back again, to make the revival as real as his music. While it may be metaphorically accurate to suggest, as Daniel Wolff does in his preface, that the place never existed, an unmanifested "promised land," it definitely exists in Springsteen's music; it's right there on the cover of his first LP, *Welcome to Asbury Park, N.J.*, in all its gaudy postcard glory.

But Springsteen is not the only heroic creative force in the saga of Asbury Park. There was another star on the scene during the original glory days, another New Jersey native born to run, who lived and went to school in Asbury Park and later covered the resort town for the New York Tribune. While it's true that show-stopping rockers were not to be found back in 1893, Stephen Crane was the literary equivalent of one, a young visionary with a fierce lyric sense and a wholly unique style, his insights edged with irony, his imagery inimitable. If rock equals the life force, as it does with Springsteen, Crane rocked as a journalist, rocked as a novelist, rocked as a short story writer and poet. And died at 28 in a foreign land.

If you know something of Crane's life, you'll understand that it's not all that farfetched to think that if he'd been born 70 years later he might have felt the call to compose and perform rock concepts and lyrics more seductive than the call to write novels or stories or poems. *4th of July, Asbury Park* devotes one of its nine chapters to Crane and makes the obvious connection between the composer of *Born to Run* and the author of *The Red Bodge of Courage*, "a tramp in the sense Springsteen would use the word a century later: an outcast, a renegade, 'tramps like us.'" When Crane describes an American Day parade of workingmen (the Junior Order of United American Mechanics) in Asbury Park, he sees them, in Wolff's words, the way Springsteen would, as "confused, very human heroes": "Almost a century later, Bruce Springsteen would write the music that fit this scene: the heavy dragging beat of his song 'Factory.'"

"TILLY:": Although the Palace Amusement complex was pulled down in 2004 in spite of being listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places, Coney island impresario George Tilyou's famous "funny face" was saved, in recognition of its significance as the face of Asbury Park.

(Photo courtesy of Pike Archives and Rutgers University Press, publishers of Asbury Park's Glory Days:The Story of an American Resort)

GLORY DAYS: The boardwalk at Asbury Park in 1965 when the resort was still in its prime.

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Stephen Crane's version of *Born to Run* is an Asbury Park story called *The Poce of Youth*, in which a boy who works on "Stimson's Mammoth Merry-Go-Round" conducts a silent romance with Stimson's daughter, their love enhanced by the subtle signals and innuendo forced on them because they were so often under the father's suspicious eye: "They were the victims of the dread angel of affectionate speculation that forces the brain endlessly on roads that lead nowhere." In the end, however, the road leads to a rendezvous on the beach and then their escape, with the father in pursuit, his surrender to the pace of youth expressed with a fervor close to that expressed in Springsteen's most famous song as he comprehends "the power of their young blood, the power to fly strongly into the future and feel and hope again." After quoting from the same passage, Wolff captures the essence of his theme, and Springsteen's song, as he cites Crane's reference to the road vanishing "far away in a point with a suggestion of intolerable length" and then goes on, in his own words: "As if that flashing, fleeting, careening song was somehow always in the future. As if being born to run was both a blessing and a curse. As if Asbury Park were forever."

It's a tribute to Crane's genius that he brings the essence of Asbury Park in its glory more hauntingly to life in this story than anyone else has done, even including Springsteen; the evidence is in his descriptions of the carousel, the beach at night, and the lovers' silent courtship done in a style evoking merry-go-round motion: "They fell and soared, and soared and fell in this manner until they knew that to live without each other would be a wandering in deserts."

Not that Crane's vision of Asbury Park is wholly romantic. Daniel Wolff makes that clear. At one point during his account of the July 1970 race riot, I found myself imagining Crane looking over Springsteen's shoulder: "At the time ... Springsteen was living in a surfboard factory out on the edge of town. When he heard about the riots, he climbed a nearby water tower... From the top of the tower, looking out across Route 35 toward the ocean," he "felt as if he were watching his whole city go up in flames."

Springsteen and Crane both figure in Asbury Park's ongoing renaissance. The house at 508 Fourth Avenue that the Crane family moved into in June of 1883 when Stephen was 11 is still there, with the entire first floor and four public rooms on the second floor serving as a museum dedicated to Stephen Crane. According to the museum website, "the generous donation given by Mr. Bruce Springsteen and friends has been of enormous help in making it possible for recitals, lectures, and poetry readings to take place there."

For now, Mr. Bruce Springsteen's "4th of July, Asbury Park (Sandy)" has the last word: "Sandy, the aurora is risin' behind us/The pier lights our carnival life forever."

—Stuart Mitchner

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Local Merchants Celebrate "Harry Potter VI" Release

JaZams Toy Store in Princeton and Pennington is announcing a Block Party for the release of the latest J.K. Rowling book, *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince.*

In 2003, JaZams joined with other local stores and organizations to throw a party for the release of the fifth book. Over 2,000 people made the journey to Hulfish Street Garage for the festivities.

Now *Horry* is back and JaZams is gathering local independent merchants for another party. On July 15, from 7 to 9 p.m., there will be crafts, games, food, and drinks all with a wizardry theme on Hulfish Street in front of the store. JaZams will have life-size chess, make your own wands, and seedling plantings (just like Harry's Herbology class). There will be kids beverages, beer and wine, a candy store, and grilled munchies from Mediterra. Afterwards the Thomas Sweet Outdoor Film Festival is bringing the movies to Palmer Square Green and screening the *Horry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* at 8:45 p.m.

Finally, to round out the night, JaZams will have a professional reading of favorite Harry Potter passages while readers anxiously await the midnight release of the book at the JaZams store in Princeton.

JaZams owner Joanne Farrugia is "excited about any opportunity to bring together our wonderful merchants in a way that allows Princeton to celebrate as a community."

Jazams Toy Store is located at 15 Hulfish Street in Princeton, and on Route 31 South in Pennington. For more information, email kthawb @yahoo.com, or call (609) 851-2248.

U-Store Potter Party

Harry Potter fans and parents alike can get a good night's sleep and still celebrate the release of *Horry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* in high style.

The Princeton U-Store will be transformed into Flourish & Blotts to host a Wizard Wake-Up Party at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 16, complete with tea and cauldron cakes, chocolate wands, a Harry Potter reading, photos, games and give-aways. Costumes are encouraged.

Much like Flourish & Blotts, where all of Hogwarts' young wizards and witches buy their school books, the Princeton U-Store is set on a campus full of gargoyles. Not only does the store carry earlier Harry Potter books in English, but French, Spanish, and German, as well. The foreign language center at the store will available to take orders for *Horry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* in those languages during the celebration.

Reservations for the party and pre-orders of the new book are recommended. Residents can let the U-Store know if they will be attending by calling (609) 921-8S00, ext. 238, or emailing dvillano@pustore.com.

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The Princeton U-Store is located at 36 University Place, just off Nassau Street in Princeton. There is free parking directly across the street. For more information, visit the U-Store Web site, at www.pustore.com.

Midnight Magic Party

On Friday, July 1S, join Barnes & Noble for a Midnight Magic Party to celebrate the release of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.* Activities for children will include face painting, wand making, and many more wizardly activities.

Some of the events, which will take place on both Friday and Saturday, include the Bad Cat Contest, the Harry Potter Costume Contest, a Snake Party with live snakes, and a reading by actor Jerry Lyden from *Hogrid's Tale From Harry Potter.* Mr. Lyden has been in films such as *Goodfellas* and *Innocent Blood,* as well as television shows such as *Homicide* and *Law and Order.*

Please note that wristbands will be distributed on Friday, July 15, staring at 6 p.m. Residents must have a wristband to purchase a book at the party. Customers who preordered a book will receive a yellow wristband and will line up first. All other customers will be given an orange wristband.

All children must be accompanied by an adult, and preordered books must be purchased by Monday, July 18.

For more information on any of these events, contact Nancy Nicholson at (609) 716-1570, or visit http:// www.barnes andnoble.com.

Teresa Whitaker

Princeton Library Hosts Myth, Folktale Program

Master storyteller Teresa Whitaker will tell traditional myths and folktales at the Princeton Public Library on Wednesday, July 13, at 7:30 p.m. Adults and children ages 7 and older are invited to hear the stories and participate in the program in the first floor Community Room.

Ms. Whitaker uses music with voice, guitar, Celtic harp and percussion instruments, puppets, sign language and improvisation to enhance the storytelling experience. The Connecticut resident has told stories and performed music for audiences of all ages throughout the region.

She is a frequent contributor to workshops and special events. Her residency topics have included intergenerational storytelling, creating a lullaby tradition and using music and vocal improvisation in stories and she has been a showcase presenter at National Storytelling Conference. Her recordings include "In Gala's Lap" and "Earth and Sky Lullaby."

Ms. Whitaker's library appearance is held in conjunction with the Susan J. Epply Storytelling Institute, an intensive week-long summer storytelling workshop during which educators learn storytelling or improve their storytelling skills by working with master storytellers. The Institute is an annual presentation of the Kingston-based Storytelling Arts, Inc.

"We're grateful to Susan Danoff, the executive director of Storytelling Arts, for making it possible for library customers to hear the master storytellers who make the institute so special," said Jan Johnson, manager of the library's Youth Services Department.

Registration is required for Ms. Whitaker's appearance. Register at the Youth Services Desk on the third floor of the library, or by calling (609) 924-9529, ext. 240. For more information on library programs and services, visit www.princetonlibrary.org

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WATER WISE: Mercer County Master Gardeners preparing to water the gardens at the Mercer County Home Compost Demonstration Site are (from left): Sally Flynn, Pennington; Alice Dabrowska, Plainsboro; Dot Horber, Princeton; Maureen Amter, Belle Mead; Marilyn Canterbury, Hamilton; Doris Arents, Pennington; and Karla York, East Windsor.

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Water-Wise Gardening From Master Gardeners

The Master Gardeners of Mercer County will host a one-hour program, "Water-Wise Gardening," tonight, Wednesday, July 13, at 7:30. The program will be held at the Mercer County Home Compost Demonstration Site and Gardens, 431A Federal City Road, in Pennington.

The Master Gardeners will deal with issues such as how much watering gardens actually need and whether a rain barrel is a good option as they explain the basics of water-wise gardening and share their experiences in gardening successfully with minimum water use. Information on drought-tolerant plant selection, prepared by the Mercer County Horticulturist Barbara J. Bromley, will be distributed. A donation of $3 to benefit the Master Gardeners of Mercer County educational programs is suggested.

Master Gardeners answer home horticulture questions through their helpline, (609) 989-6853, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (November through February) and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (March through October). For more information, call (609) 989-6830 or visit the website at www.mgofmc.org.

HEARD YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND got married? See "Engagements & Weddings" in TOWN TOPICS to see how she did

YMCA Announces Plans 43rd Annual Dinner Gala

The 43rd annual Princeton YMCA Executive Club Dinner will take place on on October 25 at the YMCA on Paul Robeson Place. Chairman Millard M. Riggs Jr., will lead Cecilia York, Guy Dean, Alexander "Whip" Buck and William Murdoch in planning the event.

This year's speaker will be Evan Thomas, managing editor of Newsweek magazine and author of six books. He is the magazine's lead writer on major news stories and the author of many longer features. He has written more then a hundred cover stories for Newsweek, on subjects ranging from war to politics to celebrity profiles and has won several journalism awards. He has also been a commentator on television including "Larry King Live" and "Good Morning America".

Proceeds of this year's dinner will provide resources for the Y's "Never Say No" program that provides scholarships to families or individuals based on need. For more information or tickets call (609)-497-9622 ext. 210.

The **Professional and Business Singles Network** will sponsor a "Holiday Dance & Social" at the Best Western New Hope in New Hope, Pa. on Saturday, July 23 at 8:30 p.m. Admission will be $13; reservations are not required.

Singles are welcome; dress is casual; and membership is not required. For more information, call (800) 537-3859 or visit www.PBSNinfo.com.

The **Princeton Senior Citizen's Club** will suspend meetings during July and August.

The club will host a bus trip to the ShoBoat Casino in Atlantic City on August 27. The cost will be $20 per person. For reservations or information, call James Brown at (609) 497-1286.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** is planning a "Salsa Sensation Dance" with a beginner's bachata lesson on Saturday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 50 Cherry Hill Road. The lesson will start at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing from 8:30 to 11:15 p.m.

Beginners and dancers of all ages are welcome. No partner is needed. Light refreshments will be served.

Admission will be $11 for adults, $8 for students.

For more information, visit www.centraljerseydance.org.

Speed of Light Networking will host a networking event on Thursday, August 4 at The Westin Princeton Hotel, Forrestal Village. Open networking will take place from 5 to 6 p.m., structured networking from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Admission will be $35 at the door, or $25 for those pre-registered.

Inspired by speed dating, Speed of Light Networking offers a "rapid-fire method of business networking" promising that every single participant works the room. Participation is open to business owners and company representatives who wish to expand their networks, generate sales leads, or obtain more professional exposure.

For more information or to register, call (609) 638-1509 or visit www.speedoflightnetworking.com.

DINNER ORGANIZERS GET TO WORK: Planning the 43rd annual Princeton YMCA Executive Club Dinner are, from left, Cecilia York, Guy Dean, Alexander "Whip" Buck, Chairman Millard M. Riggs Jr., and William Murdoch.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 13

7:30 p.m.: Site Plan Review Advisory Board; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Westminster Choir College Summer Concert, *Creative Spirit Jazz Piano*; Bristol Chapel.

8 p.m.: Michael McDonald; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Thursday, July 14

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

Noon: "Beat the Heat" Movie Series for Seniors; Princeton Senior Resource Center, Suzanne Patterson Center. Free.

2 p.m.: *The Jungle Book*; Hamilton Murray Theatre, Princeton University.

3:30 p.m.: Teen Silk Screening; Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, Rocky Hill.

5 to 9 p.m.: Halo Fete Ice Cream Patisserie Grand Opening, with SummerSwing Orchestra; Witherspoon and Hulfish Streets.

6 p.m.: Billy Hill R&B Band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7 p.m.: The Media on Film Series, screening of *Control Room*; Princeton Public Library. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Westminster Choir College Summer Concert with The Practitioners of Musick; Bristol Chapel. Free.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Summer Concert with The Miro Quartet; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: *Godspell*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Friday, July 15

10 a.m.: *Rapunzel*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

7:30 p.m.: After Hours Courtyard Concert with pop-rock band Townhall; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: *Exhibit This!* Swig Arts Center, Peddle School; Hightstown. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.: James P. Connelly and Alex House; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Showroom, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Meshuggah-Nuns*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Sweeney Todd*; Kirby Arts Center, The Lawrenceville School. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

9 p.m.: Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone*; Green on Palmer Square. Free.

Saturday, July 16

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Sports Community Day; Princeton Sports Center, Monmouth Junction. Free.

1 p.m.: Young Audiences of New Jersey Family Series program with Cashore Marionettes; Berlind Theatre.

6 to 8 p.m.: "Music in The Park" Concert with Nassau Brass; Mercer County Park, West Windsor. Free.

7 p.m.: *Songs for a Summer Evening*; 1860 House Cafe, The Montgomery Center for the Arts, Skillman.

7 to 11 p.m.: Second Annual Sourland Music Festival; Mignella's Hillbilly Hall, Hopewell.

Sunday, July 17

8 p.m.: International Piano Festival concert with Michael Berkovsky; Taplin Auditorium.

Monday, July 18

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

7 p.m.: Township Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Hymn Sing, *The Liturgical Year in Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs*; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Free.

8 p.m.: International Piano Festival concert with Russian pianist Ilya Itin; Taplin Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Movies in the Plaza, *Shone*; Mediterra Restaurant & Bar, 29 Hulfish Street. Free.

Tuesday, July 19

5:30 p.m.: Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Sidewalk and Bike Advisory Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Faure's *Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine*; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Free.

8 p.m.: International Piano Festival concert with Richard Steinbach; Taplin Auditorium.

Wednesday, July 20

7:30 p.m.: Recital, Summer Song, with soprano Nancy Froysland Hoerl and pianist Akiko Hosaki; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Voices Chorale's "Summer Sing-In and Ice Cream Social"; Pennington Presbyterian Church.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Summer Concert with The Enso Quartet; Richardson Auditorium.

Thursday, July 21

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

Noon: "Beat the Heat" Movie Series for Seniors; Princeton Senior Resource Center, Suzanne Patterson Center. Free.

6 p.m.: Tom Klimchock country band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7 p.m.: The Media on Film Series, screening of Network; Princeton Public Library. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Organ Recital with Kenneth Cowan; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Free.

8 p.m.: *Annie Get Your Gun*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

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The Purpose of Life

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QUESTION: *I just celebrated my 60th birthday. I have worked hard all my life, and yet when I look back, I wonder what it was all for. Why was I born? Why was anyone born?*

ANSWER: Why were you born?

TO LIVE FOREVER? No. You can eat health foods until they come out of your ears, exercise to the point of making Arnold Schwarzenegger jealous, drink the standard 8 glasses of water a day, have more cosmetic surgery than Cher and Demi Moore combined, and 100 years from now, you will be dead.

TO BECOME RICH? No. Oh, don't get me wrong. Material wealth is nice to have, but you must share it, and you cannot take it with you. No matter how much cash you stuff into your coffin with you, it will not being coming with you.

TO BECOME FAMOUS? No. Read People magazine. Fame is fleeting. The adoration of the masses can leave as quickly as it comes, and can be falsely placed, based on performance vs. personality, and occasionally based on behavior that is more ignominious than renown.

TO HAVE POWER? No. Again, that does not endure. Think of Alexander the Great, Caesar and Napoleon. They conquered, or tried to conquer, the world. But today, they are but a memory. Reflect upon Shelley's contemplation of a decaying statue of Ramses II, contrasting the arrogant words of the ancient Pharaoh ("My name is Ozymandias, king of kings. Look on my works, ye Mighty and despair!") with the sorry state and empty surroundings of his statue ("Nothing else remains, Round the decay of that colossal wreck").

TO LOVE AND BE LOVED? Yes. You are defined by the choices you make. Each interaction with each person on each day of your life is an opportunity for you to grow or shrink, to love or hate. You can be kind or cruel, helpful or manipulative, cooperative or controlling.

The more you learn how to love, the happier you become. You are loved by your spouse and children not for all the hours you worked or goodies you provided, but rather for those qualities that made spending time with you a joy: your sensitivity, caring, reliability and responsibility.

Those qualities are internal. They are part of you, defining who you are, your very soul. Both this life and the next will be enriched or impoverished by the depth of those qualities, rewarding you with the closeness of friends or punishing you with the loneliness of a selfish heart. The judgment of God will be to simply accept your own free-will judgment, made over a lifetime to be experienced for eternity.

CONCLUSION: So, you were born to become fully human, fully mature, and fully happy. Who you are inside will go with you from this life to the next. What you have on the outside, whether possessions or acclaim, will not. Do not despair for not having enough of the latter, but for your sake, seize every day you have left to add to the former, to add to who you are meant to become, a work of art.

This Wellness column is funded through the generosity of a grant from the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trusts. If you would like Father Stimpson to answer a question of yours on family life, daily living or emotional health, you can write to him at: Trinity Counseling Service, 22 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Trinity Counseling Service provides clinical or pastoral counseling on a sliding fee scale for all who need help and support. Phone Trinity Counseling Service at 609-924-0060 to set an appointment.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 13 – Wednesday, July 20

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Wednesday, July 13:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, July 14:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Movie & Munchies; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art Studio; SPB.
6:15 p.m. Memoir Writing; SC.

Friday, July 15:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
12:00 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch: Identity Theft, part 3; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art; SPB.

Monday, July 18:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1;00 p.m. Coping with Bereavement; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, July 19:
9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure; RC.
9:00 a.m. Health Screenings; RC.
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, July 20:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
1:00 p.m. Health Screenings; SC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m. Children of Aging Parents support group; SPB.

LEGAL FORUM

An Overview of Equitable Distribution in New Jersey

New Jersey is an equitable distribution state which means that, in the event of a divorce, marital property is not automatically split 50-50, but divided in a manner that is fair but not necessarily equal. New Jersey courts have developed a three step process to distribute assets.

First, the court will identify which assets are subject to distribution. These may range from the marital home, bank accounts and automobiles to stock options and pensions. Generally, courts have defined marital property to be property acquired by either or both spouses from the date of marriage to the filing of the divorce. Under New Jersey law, the title under which the asset was acquired is not determinative of distribution. For example, if a house was purchased in the husband's name during the marriage, it could still be considered marital property subject to equitable distribution.

Assets not subject to distribution can include property acquired prior to marriage, property acquired during the marriage as gifts from third parties or by inheritance, or property acquired after the filing of the divorce complaint. These assets must not be co-mingled with marital property in order to be exempt from equitable distribution. If separate property increases in value during the marriage, the appreciation may become marital property. To determine if the increase is subject to distribution, courts will consider whether any improvement to the property was a result of a market fluctuation or a result of the contributions and efforts by a spouse.

Second, the court will value the marital property. This step may be as straightforward as looking at bank statements or it can be a more complicated process involving appraisers and accountants.

In step three, the court is granted wide discretion to determine the most equitable way to distribute the assets. In accordance with New Jersey's Equitable Distribution Statute, courts will consider many factors, including, but not limited to:

- The duration of the marriage
- The income or property brought to the marriage and earned during the marriage by each party (including the contribution of a party as a homemaker)
- Any written agreement made by the parties before or during the marriage concerning an arrangement of property division
- The income and earning capacity of each party, including custodial responsibilities for children
- The present value of the property
- The need of a parent who has physical custody of a child to own or occupy the marital residence and to use or own the household effects
- The debts and liabilities of the parties

This list of factors is not exhaustive. One purpose of this statute is to take into account the role of a homemaker or stay-at-home parent or spouse in what courts have viewed as a joint enterprise. Finally, one should also note that courts have excluded fault as a factor in the distribution of property at the time of a divorce.

This is a general overview of New Jersey's equitable distribution law and is only intended to be an introduction into this area of family law. As previously indicated, this process may range from a simple and straightforward distribution to a complicated and more sophisticated process. Speak with an attorney who specializes in family law to answer your questions on equitable distribution.

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Sports

Hughes Extends Stay on Lake Carnegie Indefinitely In Taking Helm of Tiger Men's Lightweight Program

Growing up on idyllic Whidbey Island in the Puget Sound around 30 miles north of Seattle, Greg Hughes was naturally drawn to boating and water sports.

Hughes' love of the water and athletics led him to become part of the powerful crew program at Brentwood College School which sits on the oceanfront in Mill Bay on Vancouver Island.

After a successful high school career, Hughes decided to bring his rowing talents east in 1992 to Princeton University and Lake Carnegie.

Hughes went on to become a star for the Tiger lightweight crew, helping to lead the program to national championships in 1994 and 1996. He was a two-time All-Ivy league performer, a team captain, and the 1996 co-winner of the Gordon G. Sikes Award which goes to the rower who has made the greatest contribution to the lightweight crew.

Upon graduation in 1996, Hughes nearly headed back to the Puget Sound to teach and coach at Brentwood but he ended up staying in Princeton for a one-year coaching internship. When freshman heavyweight coach Mike Teti became the U.S. national coach in 1997, Hughes replaced him and headed that crew for eight years.

Late last month, Hughes extended his stay on Lake Carnegie indefinitely as he was named to replace Joe Murtaugh as the head coach of the Princeton lightweight crew.

As Hughes looks ahead to his new role and his 15th season on Lake Carnegie, he acknowledged that Princeton has a hold on him.

"There is something about this place," said Hughes, looking down on Lake Carnegie from the conference room on the second floor of the Princeton boathouse.

"It is a special place. As beautiful as Princeton is and as ideal a facility as this is, it's the people that keep you here. If it weren't for the character of this place and the people inside it, this would just be a structure."

One of the special people that influenced Hughes the most in his development as an athlete and coach has been Murtaugh.

"We've been through a lot together," said Hughes, with his deep voice rising and his baby blue eyes flashing.

"Joe recruited me. He was my varsity coach while I was here. He was the coach of the lightweight team that I was coaching against in practice with the freshman heavyweight boat. There have been so many changes around here but Joe has always been here. He has been one of the constants for me at Princeton."

Murtaugh's constant leadership helped bring the most out of Hughes and his classmates in their outstanding run at Princeton.

"As much as we had a lot of talent, we needed direction," recalled Hughes with a wry grin.

"There were a lot of personalities and attitudes that came into play. Joe was able to keep us from tearing each other apart. He was as competitive, if not more competitive than we were, and he held us to a high standard."

In Murtaugh's view, Hughes more than lived up to those high standards. "Greg made a positive impact on every boat he rowed in," said Murtaugh, who is leaving Princeton to be the primary child care provider for the baby his wife is expecting in August.

"He's the kind of guy you'd want stroking your boat in a tight race. He's relentless. He brings the same passion to his coaching. He gives his very best every day, he holds himself to the highest standards, and he expects the same of his rowers."

While it wasn't easy for Hughes to leave the heavyweight program, he did so due to his deep passion for the lightweight crew.

LIGHT DUTY: Greg Hughes, shown here in a team photo, is adding a new chapter to his long association with the Princeton University men's lightweight crew program. After helping lead the lightweight to Eastern Sprints titles and IRA national crowns during his undergraduate days at Princeton in the 1990s, Hughes was recently named as the new head coach of the program. Hughes, who has been the Tiger freshman heavyweight coach the last eight years, is replacing Joe Murtaugh.

(Photo courtesy of Princeton's Office of Athletic Communications)

CALLING THE SHOTS: Princeton crew coach Greg Hughes leads his freshman heavyweight crew through a training session on Lake Carnegie in 2003 in preparation for the Henley Royal Regatta. Hughes' freshmen crew capped an undefeated season that year by winning the Temple Challenge Cup at Henley. Hughes was recently named as the head coach of the Princeton men's lightweight crew program. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

"It was sad to leave the heavyweight crew because they are special kids and they've worked so hard for me," said Hughes, who guided the 2003 freshman heavyweight boat to an undefeated season which included an Eastern Sprints title, an IRA national crown, and a first-place finish in the Temple Challenge Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta in England.

"But I love the lightweight team, I'm indebted to it. I feel it has a special place in this boathouse. It's been a major part of driving the competition at the boathouse."

As he takes the helm of the lightweight program, Hughes is looking forward to being the driving force in the long-term development of his rowers.

"I want to be able now to push the level of competition at the boathouse," asserted Hughes, who has both rowed and coached for the U.S. national rowing program.

"The major difference for me will be to have the athletes for three years. As a freshman coach, every year you get a new team. You have nine months to take kids from all ranges of ability and get them to row 5:40 and compete for a championship. At the end of the year, you're saying I wish I could have one more year with these kids. Now I will get to train the kids for three years and develop a program. To see how I can build a team will be a challenge."

In Murtaugh's view, Hughes is up to that challenge. "I've had the opportunity to coach with and learn from some of the best coaches in the world," asserted Murtaugh. "I think Greg teaches, prepares, and motivates as well or better than anyone I know."

Hughes is prepared to put his motivational skills to full use as he looks to help the lightweight crew rebound from a disappointing season that saw it fail to make the Eastern Sprint grand final.

"I look at the results and I know that nobody is satisfied with those results," said the wiry Hughes, who looks like he could still row a mean 2000 meters.

"But at the same time this league has changed a lot, the level of competition is so high. It comes down to who is on their game that day. We have the talent in the program to get up to that level; they were a length behind that speed. They will come back to the table again next year, they are tough kids."

And with a tough kid from the Puget Sound calling the shots, the lightweight crew should be able to make up that length and more next season. **—Bill Alden**

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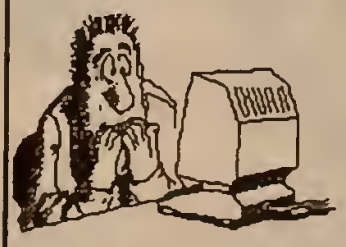
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Princeton's Owings Finding the Range Quickly In Debut Season With Summer Hoops League

Luke Owings came to the Community Park basketball courts on the night of June 15 in a supporting role.

The Princeton University basketball star was on hand to cheer on Tiger teammate Noah Savage as he played for George's Roasters and Ribs in the opener of the Recreation Department men's summer basketball league.

Owings, however, left the courts that evening as a member of the Merrill Lynch squad, courtesy of some on-the-scene recruiting by former Princeton stars Ahmed El-Nokali '02 and Kyle Wente '03.

The 6'6, 195-pound Owings has quickly taken a leading role for Merrill Lynch, scoring more than 20 points twice to help the team get off to a 4-0 start this summer.

Owings has enjoyed his indoctrination into the rough-and-tumble style of the summer league. "It's tough, I like that," said Owings, a native of Hyattsville, Md. who averaged 6.3 points a game last winter for Princeton. "The refs let you play. They don't care much about reach-in fouls."

Despite the league's physical play, Owings has been able to find the range offensively. "I work out during the day with good players and then come out at night to play with Ahmed and Kyle," asserted Owings, who displayed his long-range shooting prowess last season for Princeton as he shot 45.6 percent from three-point range, hitting on 26-of-57 of his shots beyond the arc. "I'm putting the ball in the hole. It's not that tough when you have Ahmed and Kyle setting you up."

For Owings, getting the chance to get to play with El-Nokali and Wente, two of the headier players in recent Princeton history, has been a pleasure.

"Ahmed and Kyle know how we play," said Owings of the two who were both Princeton team captains as seniors. "They are two of the best players I've ever played with."

The summer league has proven to be an ideal supplement to the off-season program Owings is currently going through for Princeton.

"We're lifting three days a week, then two or three of us will get together and work on whatever we need to work on," said Owings, describing his weekly routine.

"Noah and I play a lot of one-on-one, working on our shooting off the dribble and our defense. You can only play one-on-one or two-on-two so much. It helps to play different people and see new faces. The league is good, clean fun."

After Princeton's tough season last year in which it went 6-8 in the Ivy League for its first-ever losing season in league play, Owings is looking to have more fun this winter.

"Last season was a learning process," maintained Owings, who was hampered last season by a stress fracture in his right foot which is now fully healed.

"We're adjusting to a new coach and learning a whole new mentality. It wasn't so much the strategy that was a problem but the implementation."

In Owings' view, the Tigers are poised to execute the approach that head coach Joe Scott has brought to the program.

"We're getting over the hump," said Owings, noting that the team last season played well in spurts but not for the whole 40 minutes.

"We know what it takes to go hard every second. There is a sense of hunger and excitement about next season. We're all getting on the same page."

With the hard work Owings is putting in on the Community Park courts this summer, he could be looking at an exciting winter.

—Bill Alden

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HOT HAND LUKE: Princeton University junior basketball player Luke Owings drives to the basket in the Tigers' win over Lafayette last season. This summer, Owings has made a sparkling debut for the Merrill Lynch team in the Recreation Department men's summer basketball league. The sharpshooting 6'6 Owings has already scored more than 20 points twice to help Merrill to a 4-0 start. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Former Tiger Star Wente Back on Scene; Sparking Merrill Lynch in Summer Hoops

For Kyle Wente, one of the best things about working in New York City is that he is an easy train ride away from Jadwin Gym.

Since starting to work with Merrill Lynch last summer, the former Princeton University basketball star has been hopping on the New Jersey Transit for occasional trips to his old hoops stomping grounds.

At the urging of former Tiger teammate Ahmed El-Nokali, Wente strayed a little bit to the Community Park courts to play with El-Nokali's Merrill Lynch team in the Princeton Recreation Department summer men's basketball league.

After helping Merrill reach the semifinals in last year's playoffs, Wente is back for a second season and has helped the team get off to a 4-0 start.

The opportunity to go to battle with El-Nokali helped convince Wente to make the three-hour round trips to the games.

"More than anything, it's great to get the chance to play with Ahmed again," said Wente, a 2003 Princeton graduate who was a three-time All-Ivy League honorable mention selection during his Tiger basketball career.

"I'd walk on any court with him. He has a never-say-die attitude. Anytime he plays, he's there to win. He'll do anything it takes to win. I think he'd say I'm the same way."

After the frustrating exit to Upper Makefield in last year's semis, Wente believes Merrill can go farther this summer.

"It's going well, I think we have better players," said Wente, noting that the addition of current Princeton star Luke Owings has given the team a lift. "We get to run around and set the young guys up, it's been a lot of fun."

Wente has also enjoyed the competitive atmosphere around the Community Park courts. "I'm quite impressed with the league," said Wente, a native of Effingham, Ill. "Sometimes outdoor leagues can get a little rough but this is a well-conducted league. The refs are familiar with the players and the players and refs are familiar with the organizers. There is a general respect, it's a community feeling."

Being part of the Princeton basketball scene on that level means a lot to Wente. "I absolutely loved my Princeton experience," declared Wente. "To be in this league and still be a part of the community to some extent is great."

When Wente looks back at the highlights of his Princeton experience, he points to his sophomore season.

"Winning the Ivy title and going to the NCAAs was great," recalled the 6'4, 190-pound who shot 51 percent from the field overall and averaged 10.8 points a game in Ivy contests during that magical 2000-01 campaign. "I played with great guys like Nate [Walton] and Ahmed. We did more than anyone expected us to."

Wente credits the Princeton coaches with helping him realize his potential beyond the basketball court.

"The coaches made you responsible," said Wente, an economics major who works on the Global Investment and Wealth Management desk at Merrill. "You're going to have to work your butt off in the class and on the court. Those were things that have helped me in the real world."

Those who have shared that intense experience have formed deep bonds, according to Wente.

"Every Friday during reunion week we have an alumni game followed by a cookout," said Wente. "Everyone has a mutual respect for each other. I play pickup games in New York during the winter with some of the players who came before me like Jason Osler, Jesse Rosenfeld, and James Mastaglio. They treat you as if you went to school with them. It's been great to be part of Princeton basketball."

And playing in the summer league for Merrill has helped Wente extend his special Princeton basketball ride.

—Bill Alden

REVERSE COMMUTER: Former Princeton University basketball star Kyle Wente drives past Maryland's Juan Dixon in the 2001-02 season. Wente, a 2003 Princeton graduate, has been travelling down from his job in New York City the past two summers to play with Merrill Lynch in the Princeton Rec Department men's summer basketball league. *(Photo courtesy of Princeton's Office of Athletic Communications)*

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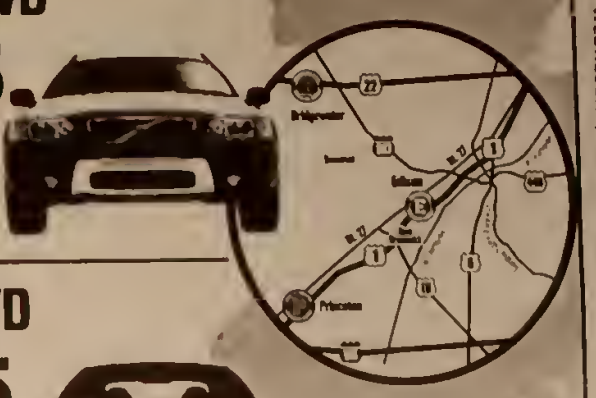

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Princeton Little League 12s Win Finale; Fighting Hard Through Disappointment

When the Princeton Little League 12-year-old all stars started play in the District 12 tournament in late June, their dream was to end up in Williamsport, Pa. next month for the Little League World Series.

Those hopes were dashed as Princeton got off to a 0-3 start in Pool B, thereby eliminating it from even advancing to the District 12 Final Nine.

As the team took the field last week for its final game of pool play against West End, it would have been understandable if the team had quietly played out the string. Instead, Princeton went out with a bang and not a whimper as it erupted for a 15-7 win over West End.

Princeton head coach Matt Cordonnier was proud of the way his club came through in its finale.

"It was a great game," said Cordonnier, who got a homer and three RBIs from Michael Irving and three hits from Daniel Zack in the win. "It's always good to get a victory in your last game. We had confidence that we could compete with West End if we played our game."

Cordonnier acknowledged that Princeton faced some stiff competition in Pool B, battling such formidable foes as West Windsor, Ewing, and Nottingham.

"We knew we were in the toughest pool in the district and probably one of the toughest in the state," said Cordonnier. "I thought we played OK overall."

Princeton played better than OK as it pushed Nottingham in its second game of pool play. Princeton jumped out to a 3-2 lead against Nottingham on the strength of a three-homer by Luke Cordonnier, the coach's son. It took a bad bounce hit by Nottingham to spark what turned out to be the decisive rally as Princeton fell 7-3.

"For me as a dad and as a coach, that was a great highlight," said Cordonner, noting that the Nottingham program had won the New Jersey 11-year-old championship last summer. "We were ahead of Nottingham, that was special. We got a fly out on the batter after the bad hop so who knows what might've happened."

While Cordonnier would have liked to see his club win more games, he was excited by the progress the players made. "I've been coaching these guys for a long time," added Cordonnier.

"Sean Clancy [assistant coach] and I have been coaching some of these guys since they were seven. It was great to see Michael Irving hit his first homer in district play. Daniel Zack had been struggling a little but he came up with a great game against West End. Owen Wilson pitched well for us."

And while the Princeton 12s fell short of their lofty goal, they learned some important lessons in the process.

"They wanted to win every game," asserted Cordonnier. "They learned about losing and frustration. They learned that some times you hit a line drive and it gets caught and then other times a little grounder gets through. They didn't give up."

—Bill Alden

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Princeton Senior Babe Ruth Struggling; Needs Better Production From Hitters

The recent July 4th holiday came at the right time for the Princeton Senior Babe Ruth squad.

After starting the season in mid-June with a dramatic 6-5 win over Hopewell, Princeton proceeded to lose its next three games before getting a break from June 30 through July 5.

Princeton head coach Scott Goldsmith had a clear focus in mind as his club prepared to resume action in the Mercer County Senior Babe Ruth league.

"Right now what needs work is our hitting," said Goldsmith, the Princeton High junior varsity baseball coach who is in his first year guiding the Senior Babe Ruth squad.

"We have been working exclusively on hitting in our practices the last few weeks. We've been uppercutting too much. We've been getting good pitching but we need better run support."

Ryan Gordy has emerged as the leader of the Princeton mound corps. "Ryan is our ace," said Goldsmith, whose club is mainly comprised of players in the 16-18 age group although he does have four 15-year-olds on the roster.

"He had a one-hitter through seven innings against Western Monmouth before I had to take him out because he had thrown so many pitches."

Princeton has produced some solid glove work to go with its pitching. "I've been very happy with our fielding," asserted Goldsmith. "Brian Parsons at shortstop and Chris Brooks at second have done a nice job in the middle infield. Richie Von der Schmidt and Erik Cooper have played well in the outfield."

With the team's focus on getting extra work in the batting cage, Goldsmith is confident his club can produce some offensive fireworks over the rest of the season.

"Ryan, Von der Schmidt, and Danny Etherton have been our best hitters," said Goldsmith. "I think the rest of the bats will come around."

Goldsmith believes his team can develop an offensive rhythm as it heads into a busy part of the schedule. Over the next week, the club hosts Lou Gehrig (Grey) on July 14 and Lou Gehrig (Blue) on July 17 before playing at Trenton on July 19.

The regular season is slated to run through August 4 with a single-elimination playoff tournament taking place in early August. The league will also pick a 16-year-old all-star team and an 18-and-under squad to participate in local competitions.

While Goldsmith wants his team to pick up as many wins as possible and place several players on the all-star teams, he has a longer-term vision in mind as well.

"I've been coaching some of these guys since they've been in fifth and sixth grades," added Goldsmith.

"I want to help them develop their skills for the Princeton High varsity team. Many of them were on the JV team this past spring and there will be some spots open for them next year."

If the team can make progress the rest of the summer, it should supply some skilled players for PHS next spring.

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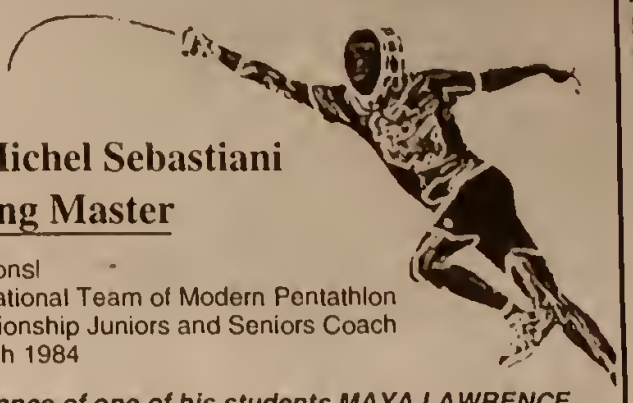

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LOCAL SPORTS

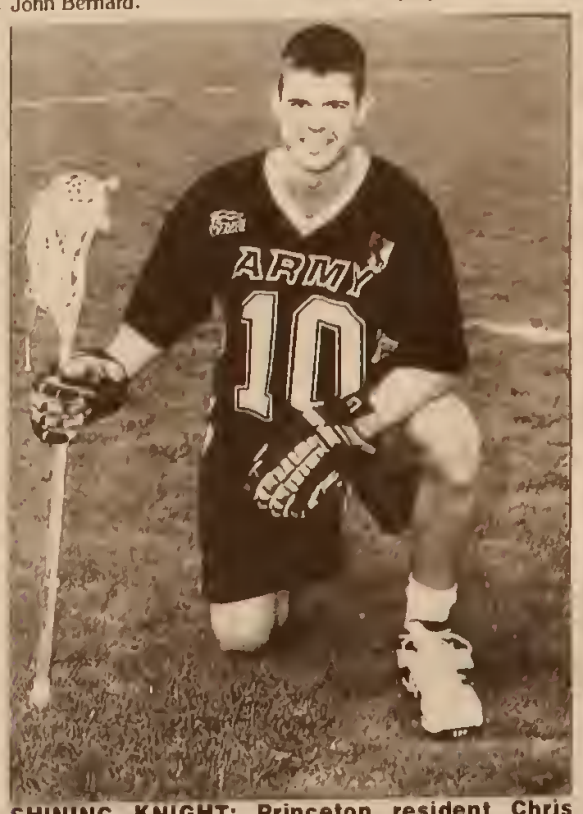
USA Hockey Honors Bernard With Award

USA Hockey recently conferred a "Special Recognition" award to Princeton resident John Bernard.

The organization cited Bernard, 81, for being a pioneer in excess accident insurance for ice hockey, noting that he brokered coverage that protected USA Hockey youth players in the 1950s.

Bernard, a longtime partner in the Sturhahn, Dickenson and Bernard insurance firm, started the Princeton pee wee hockey program in the 1950s.

A native of Wellesley, Mass. Bernard played hockey at Princeton University where he graduated in 1949. Bernard has been involved in hockey on several levels over the last 50 years, including coaching, refereeing, and administration work.



SHINING KNIGHT: Princeton resident Chris Larsen is all smiles in a shot taken this spring as he finished up his lacrosse career at the U.S. Military Academy. Larsen, a former lax standout at the Lawrenceville School, was a three-time letter winner at midfield for the Army. The 6'2, 210-pound Larsen scored 11 points on seven goals and four assists this spring to help the Black Knights go 11-6 and make their third straight appearance in the NCAA second round. Larsen is headed to the Basic Officer Course at Fort Benning, Ga. later this month.

Summer Girls' Hoops Recent Results

In recent games in the senior division of the Princeton Recreation Department summer girls' basketball league, the Fever topped the Liberty 41-23, paced by Brooke Sassman with 17 points and Lizzie Halpin, who chipped in 14. The Sparks edged the Mercury 14-13. Allison Caliguire had five points to lead the Sparks while Molly Lynch and Kelsey Jacobson scored five apiece for the Mercury.

In action in the junior division, Tennessee swamped Rutgers 25-2. Alyssa Elicone poured in 12 points for Tennessee while Molly Rubin added nine. Connecticut beat Georgia 17-6, led by Lori Konkowski, who netted four points.

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Bike Event Set for July 24 To Aid Armstrong Group

A charity cycling event is being held on July 24 in Hopewell in conjunction with the Peloton Project, a grassroots fundraising group associated with the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF).

The event, which will include circular routes of approximately 15, 35, and 65 miles, is being organized by Princeton resident Joseph Campisi and several of his colleagues at Bristol-Myers Squibb. Their goal is to raise $10,000 for the LAF, which was formed by the famed cyclist Lance Armstrong to help people with cancer obtain the resources they need to live strong.

The circuits will begin and end at the Hopewell Elementary School. A registration fee of $10 ($20 on the date of the event) and a donation to the LAF of $50 is required to participate in this event. Registration forms may be obtained through an e-mail message to pjcjr56@yahoo.com.

The Peloton Project's objective is to raise awareness and funds in their communities to help the LAF support people affected by cancer through advocacy, research, education, and public health programs.

To learn more about LAF or the Peloton Project, please contact the LAF at (512) 236-8820 or visit its website at www.laf.org.

Free Wheelers Club Bike Event August 6

The Princeton Free Wheelers bicycle club is holding its 25th annual Princeton Bicycling Event on August 7. The event features six bike tours ranging from 18 to 100 miles with the rides beginning and ending at Mercer County Community College starting at 7 a.m. that day.

The event is open to anyone who rides a bicycle safely and wears an approved cycling helmet. Services include free parking, rest rooms, emergency help, water, and snack stops. A post-ride lunch including a drink and dessert is also included in the event.

The registration fee is $25 for adults and $10 for ages 16 and under. Those who register prior to July 24 are entitled to a free event T-shirt.

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STRETCH DRIVE: Princeton Post 218 pitcher Jake Horan uncorks a pitch in recent Mercer County American Legion League (MCALL) action. Coming into last weekend, Post 218 stood at 9-6 on the season, tied with North Trenton 458 for fifth in the MCALL standings. The regular season is scheduled to end on July 14 with the top five teams advancing to the league playoffs.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

P-C Babe Ruth 13s Top Ewing in Opener

Thomas Hrabchak came through in the clutch to spark the Princeton-Cranbury Babe Ruth 13-year-old all-stars to a 3-2 win in extra innings over Ewing last Sunday in the opening game of the District I Babe Ruth 13s tournament.

Hrabchak grounded an infield single to drive in Trevor Barsamian with the winning run in the nailbiter over Ewing. Steve Etherton had an RBI double for Princeton while Jordan Metro came on in relief to get the win on the mound.

The double-elimination tournament is scheduled to run through July 15.

Princeton Names Graydon Associate Athletic Director

Princeton University has promoted Jeff Graydon to Associate Athletic Director for Facilities, Princeton Director of Athletics Gary Walters said last week.

Graydon, who has essentially had oversight of the University's athletic facilities since joining the department in 1990, was previously an Assistant Athletic Director. He was one of five University employees honored by President Shirley Tilghman with a Presidential Award of Merit this past spring.

Among his responsibilities are supervision of the grounds' crew and serving as the department's liaison to the University for major maintenance, engineering, and construction projects.

A 1976 graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a degree in entomology and agronomy, Graydon began his own business shortly after leaving college and first came in contact with the University as an outside contractor. He then joined the staff 14 years later.

While at Princeton, he has taken a lead role in the demolition of Palmer Stadium and construction of Princeton Stadium, among many other athletic facilities projects. He also plays a major role in Community Day and the June Hospital Fete.

Summer Boys' Hoops Recent Results

In recent games in the senior division of the Princeton Recreation Department summer boys' basketball league, the Nuggets edged the Rockets 25-22. Kyle Parsons and Kevin Gary each scored 8 points for the Nuggets while Andrew Wang had a game-high 14 points to lead the Rockets. The Mavericks nipped the Jazz 29-28, paced by Seth Sherman's 12 points. Brian Dunlap had 12 points in a losing cause.

In games in the junior division, Wake Forest beat N. C. State 16-12. Tahaj Humbert scored seven points to lead Wake Forest while Connor Donovan had a game-high 10 points for N. C. State. Maryland edged North Carolina 16-15 as Ryan Meier poured in 13 points. Scott Bechler had 11 points for North Carolina.

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Floyd J. Campbell

Floyd J. Campbell, 81, of Princeton, died July 5 at Princeton Health Center, Merwick Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Eads, Tenn., he had been a resident of Princeton for 76 years.

He was a graduate of Princeton High School with the class of 1942.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Iwo Jima and was awarded the Bronze Star.

He retired from the Princeton Post Office. He was also the owner/operator of Campbell's Taxi and Limousine Service.

He was a member and elder of Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, a Past Master of Aaron Lodge No. 9, a Most Worthy Patron of Aaron Lodge No. 8, and a member of American Legion Charles Robinson Post 218 and the Princeton Association of Human Rights.

He was predeceased by his father, Isaac Campbell of Memphis, Tenn., and his mother, Ruby Anderson Campbell of Princeton. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Consuelo B. Campbell; three daughters, Daphne C. Williams of San Diego, Calif., Sharon "Nini" Campbell of Detroit, Mich., and Lynette E. Campbell of Houston, Texas; two sons, Floyd and Mark, both of Princeton; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was July 11 at Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church. Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Hughes Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund.

125592

Earl W. Farley

Earl W. Farley, 82, of Lawrenceville, died July 2 at the Compassionate Care Center at St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton, after a long battle with heart disease.

Born in Trenton, he lived for 53 years in Lawrenceville.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He owned and operated Princeton General Welding from 1947 to 1985. After a brief retirement, he worked as a security guard at Merrill Lynch in Plainsboro.

He had a lifelong interest in the sea, and loved power boating on Barnegat Bay.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marcella (Coria) Farley; and a daughter, Linda Roberts of Washington Crossing, Pa.

Funeral services were private and under the direction of the Kimble Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Compassionate Care at St. Francis Medical Center, 601 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton 08629.

Evelyn J. Black

Evelyn J. Black, 88, of Hamilton, died July 6 at Care One at Hamilton.

Born in Kearny, she was educated there and lived there for more than 50 years before moving to Hamilton Township in 1993.

She was a former member of Eastern Star Chapter in Kearny and a 50-year member of First Methodist Church of Arlington.

Wife of the late Roy Edward Black, she is survived by a son, Roy of Aberdeen, N.J.; two daughters, Evelyn J. Pietrinferno of Princeton and Kathleen A. Stanley of Derry, N.H.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was July 8 at the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery in Kearny.

125593

Holt A. Murray Jr.

Holt A. Murray Jr., 55, of Princeton, died July 2 at Chandler Hall in Newtown, Pa. after a long struggle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Born in Trenton, he spent his entire life in the Hopewell and Princeton area.

A graduate of the Hun School, he went on to graduate from the University of Notre Dame, class of 1972, with a degree in electrical engineering. The following year he earned a second degree in metallurgical engineering.

He worked as an engineer for Princeton Plasma Physics, Princeton University. He held several patents.

He served as a member of the Hopewell Borough Council and was a co-founder of the Hopewell Valley Lacrosse League. He was honored by Hopewell Borough for his extensive volunteer work which included being a founder of Hopewell Borough Park. He also served on the Hun School board of trustees.

He is survived by his parents, Holt A. and Regina W. Murray; four sons, Dr. Holt N. Murray, Neil W. Murray, E. Ryan Murray, and Matthew T. Murray; a brother, Thomas W. Murray; two sisters, Regina M. Volkwein and Anne M. Patterson; and two grandsons.

Services were private. Arrangements were under the direction of the M. William Murphy Funeral Home, Ewing.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chandler Hall Hospice, 99 Barclay Street, Newtown, Pa. 18940.

Donata Bombieri

Donata Bombieri, 36, of Haddonfield, died peacefully in her sleep on July 7 in the Compassionate Care Hospice Unit at St. Francis Medical Center, Trenton.

Born in Navacchio (Pisa), Italy, she moved to the United States in 1977. She attended Bancroft School in Haddonfield and then lived in a Bancroft Neurohealth group home with continuing education in vocational and living skills.

She was the only daughter of Susan Bombieri of Princeton and Enrico Bombieri of Cranbury.

A memorial mass will be held this Saturday, July 16 at the Nativity of Our Lord Church, 185 Applegarth Road, Monroe Township, at 9:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Bancroft Foundation, 425 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield 08033; or to the Institute for Advanced Study, 1 Einstein Drive, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements are by the M. David DeMarco Funeral Home, Monroe Township.

125594

Mary E. Pemberton

Mary E. Pemberton, 83, of Princeton, died July 1 at Princeton Care Center.

Born in New York City, she was a Princeton resident for more than 50 years. She worked for many years at the Ivy Club and other restaurants in the Princeton area.

Predeceased by her husband Prosper, she is survived by a son, Prosper Aeschbacher, and two grandchildren, all of Denver, Colo.

The funeral service was July 8 at the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. Burial was in Trinity All Saints' Cemetery.

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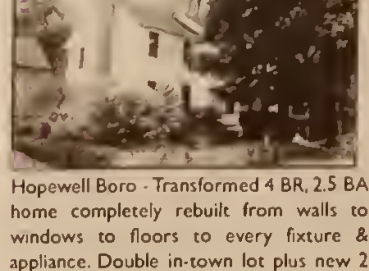

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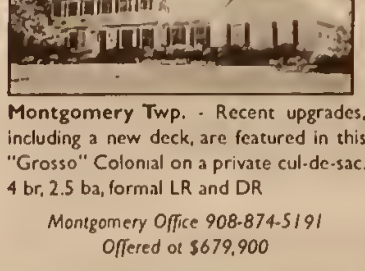

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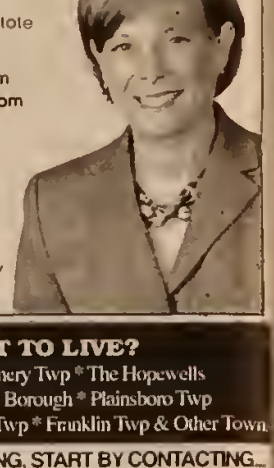

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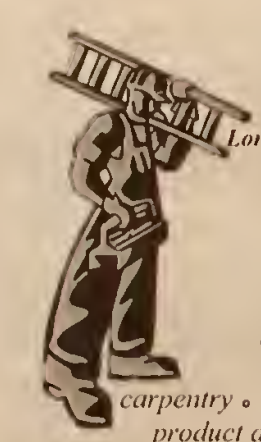

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